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Grayling grad completes Iditarod race

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling High School graduate finished the Iditarod dog sled race in Alaska on Thursday.

Bryan Bearss was one of four rookies who took part in the 34th Iditarod, traveling the 1,449 miles from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska.

Bearss, a 1995 Grayling High graduate, first became interested in dog sled racing when he attended Northland College in Wisconsin, where he completed a degree in outdoors recreation.

Bearss went to Alaska three years ago, and worked and trained with one of the world's top dog sled racers, Jeff King.

King won the Iditarod race for the fourth year in a row this year. Bearss finished 37th.

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Bryan Bearss

Artists get top marks in statewide competition

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Three students from the Grayling area garnered top awards in a recent statewide art competition.

Maranda Shear and Eric Persing from Grayling, and Jacob Sucaet of Roscommon were awarded scholarships for their involvement in the Kendall College of Art and Design Senior Art Competition.

Shear was a first-place finisher, earning a \$16,000 scholarship to Kendall. Persing finished fourth, earning a \$6,000 scholarship. And Sucaet brought home a third-place finish, earning a \$10,000 scholarship.

All three students are involved in the advanced placement art program at Kirtland Community College, which is taught by instructor Scott Rice. Students learn how to assemble a portfolio and prepare to juried art competitions while in the class.

"Not only do they show their own expertise, but they represent Kirtland Community College and northern Michigan very well," Rice said.

Last year, Anthony Neal of Grayling was the first-place finisher in the competition.

"It's overwhelming and I am delighted our students have been given the chance to further their career in art," said Mark Binert, Continued on Page 3A

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Maranda Shear of Grayling won first place in the Kendall College of Art and Design Senior Art Competition.

Troops from 1071st unit to return home

The soldiers of the 1071st Maintenance Company are due to arrive in Grayling sometime between Friday, March 24 and Tuesday, March 28.

An estimated time of arrival has not been established. Updates, however, can be heard on WGRY 100.3 FM, WGRY 1230 AM and WQON 101.1 FM.

The soldiers will fly from Ft. Bliss, Texas to Alpena. They will be bussed from Alpena and will be escorted by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from the county line on M-72 East. They will follow the I-75 Business Loop to the Grayling High School, where a military ceremony will be held.

Due to limited seating available for the families of the soldiers at the ceremony, friends and community supporters of the soldiers are encouraged to show their support of the returning troops by lining the streets along the I-75 Business Loop from M-72 East to Old 27 North to the high school.

The public is encouraged to wave their flags, display welcome home signs and yellow ribbons and to cheer welcome home to the troops as they pass by to welcome home the community's local heroes.

HISTORIC AVIATION DAY PLANNED

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

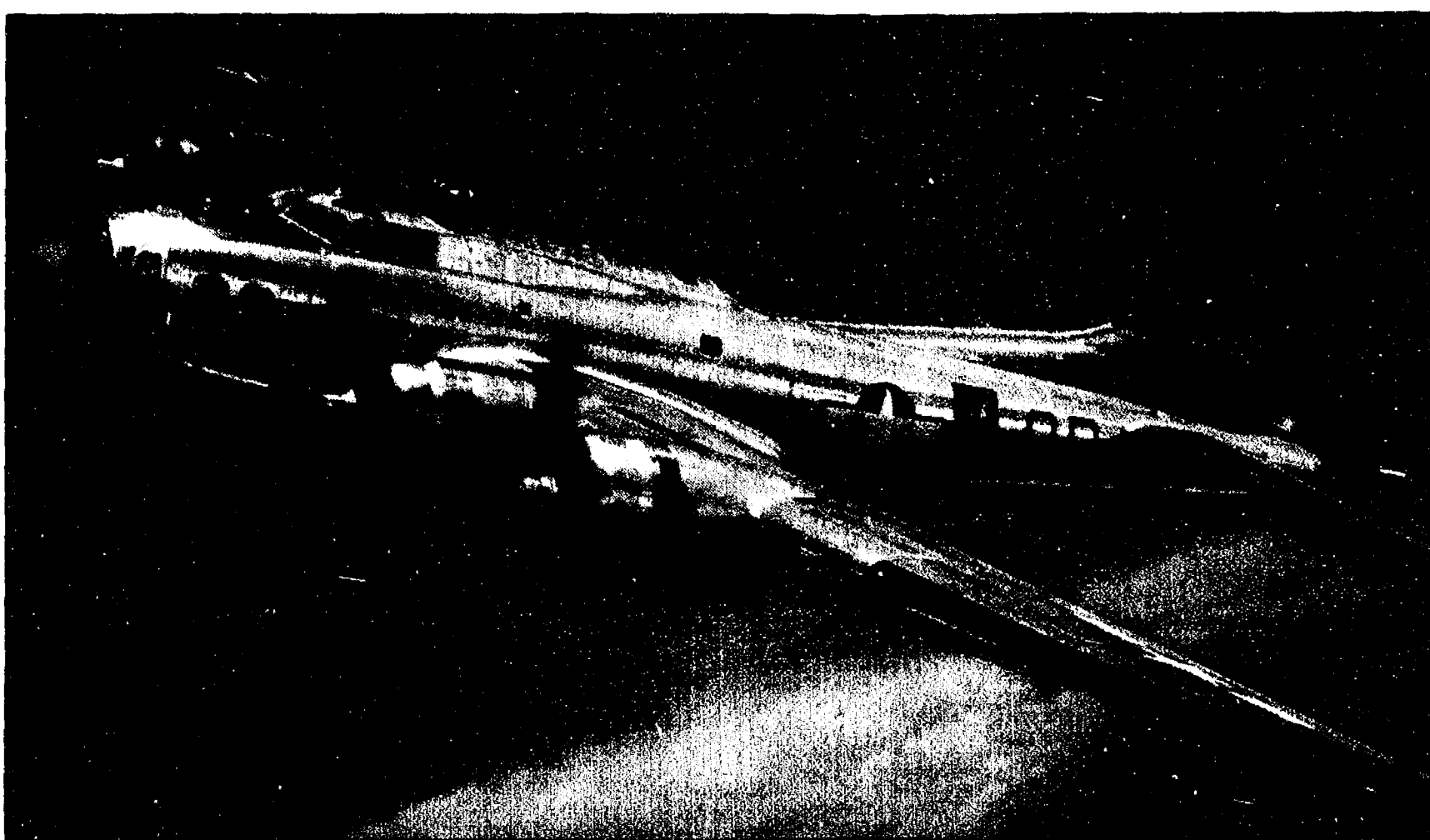
Motorcycles will roll into Grayling in June and classic military aircraft will be on display as organizers for the AuSable Adventure Rally continue to raise funds to support the families of troops serving the country in the armed forces.

A Historic Aviation Day will be held at the Grayling Army Airfield on Saturday, June 24 in conjunction with the second annual AuSable Adventure Rally, a motorcycle rally held at the Wellington Farm Park.

The purpose of the rally and aviation day is to raise money for the Michigan National Guard's Family Support fund, a fund earmarked to help the families of troops fighting the war on terrorism who experience financial or medical hardships while their loved ones are deployed.

The aviation day is being organized with the help of the Yankee Air Force and Museum, a non-profit group based out of the Willow Run Airport in Wayne County whose goal is to preserve and restore historic military air planes.

So far, a B-17 Bomber, a B-25 Mitchell Bomber, a C-47 Jumpmaster, a Grumman TBF, an AT6 painted in Michigan



A Historic Aviation Day will be held at the Grayling Army Airfield on Saturday, June 24 in conjunction with the second annual AuSable Adventure Rally, a motorcycle rally held at the Wellington Farm Park.

National Guard Colors and a AV77 Sinston have been committed for the show. A MIG Fighter training jet will also be at the event.

"These are some magnificent warbirds," said Larry Amprim, one of the founders of the AuSable Adventure Rally.

A figure more familiar with

speeding race cars and race trucks was in Grayling last week for the kickoff of the aviation day planning. Jack Roush, the owner of Roush Racing, who fields five cars in NASCAR's Nextel Cup Series, was in Grayling for a planning meeting for the event. Roush owns the #16 Ford Fusion driven

by Greg Biffle, which is sponsored by the National Guard.

Roush, who also runs Roush Industries based in Livonia, is a pilot and collector of classic military planes.

A couple of planes owned by Roush, including a P51 Mustang called the "Old Crow,"

will be included in the air show.

"To think that 95 percent of the people who designed this aircraft, who machined the initial parts, who flew it in combat, their time has come and gone. I'm now the custodian, the steward of this technology," Continued on Page 3A

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Cornerstone of Calvary Baptist Church honored

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Friends and family honored a Grayling man known for his love of family, music and his church on Saturday.

Hundreds of people gathered at the Calvary Baptist Church on Saturday to honor Fred "Fritz" Niederer.

Niederer passed away on Wednesday, March 15 due to a construction accident that occurred while he and other church volunteers were installing siding on a gymnasium expansion at the Calvary Baptist Church and School. He was 79.

The Niederers were one of the founding families of the Calvary Baptist Church, joining when Doc and Bessie Barnes came to minister to the Grayling community.

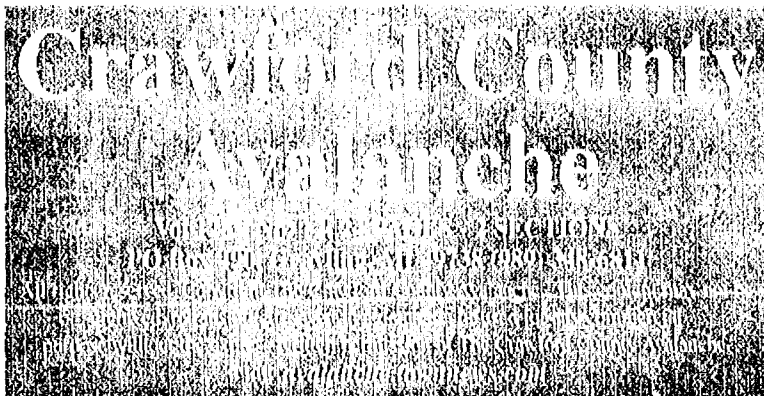
"Everything that we have accomplished here at the Calvary Baptist Church, Fritz Niederer has had a part in," said Pastor Robert Barnett. "Fritz died doing God's will."

Niederer was a graduate of Grayling High School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He also sailed the Continued on Page 3A

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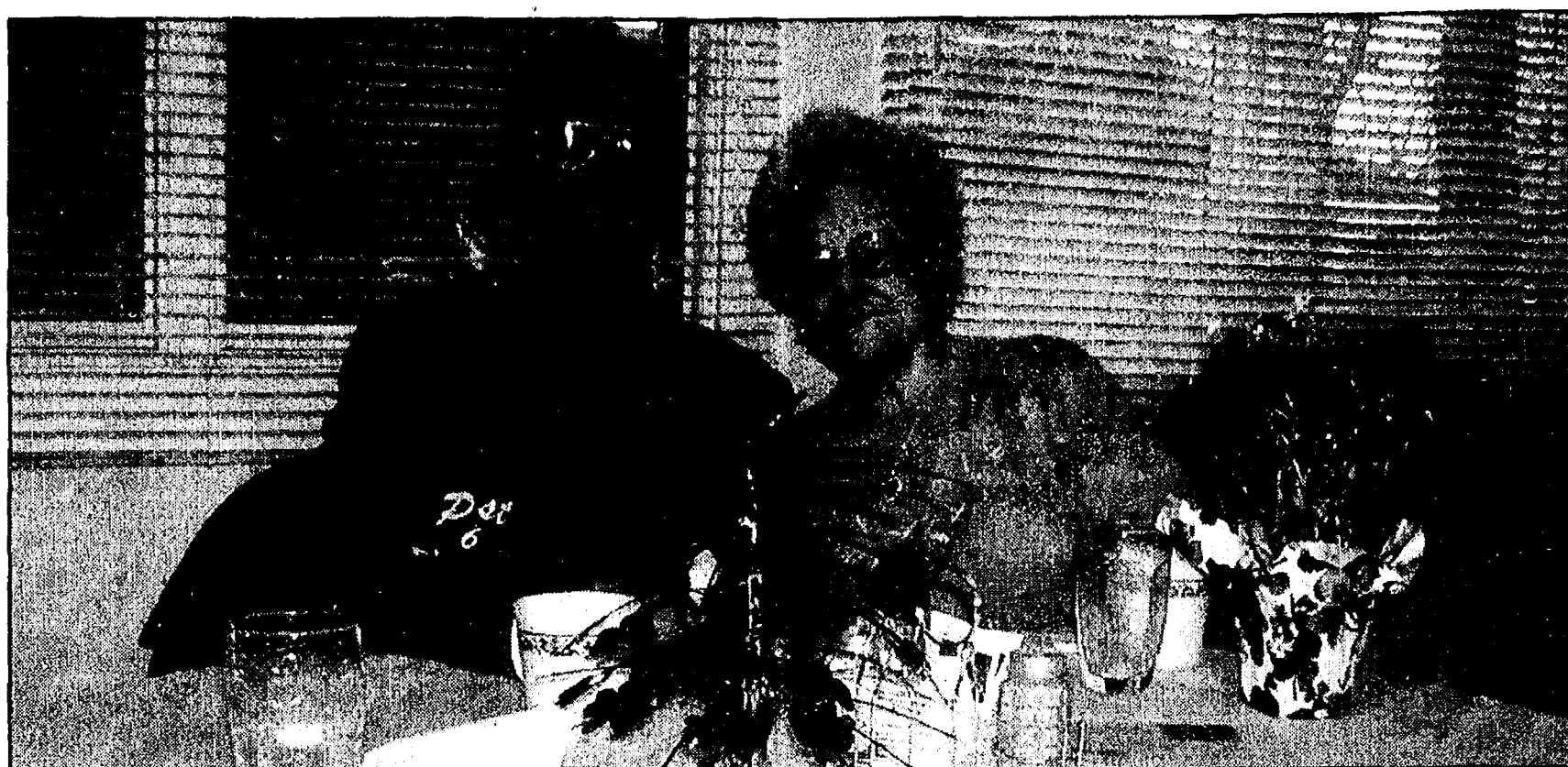


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George Wolfe and Ellen Christian, a long time couple from the Grayling area, had a date last Thursday at the Crawford County Senior Center, where a St. Patrick's Day meal was served.

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Commissioners tweak shelter contract

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County officials will require some up front cash from the Animal Shelter of Crawford County board as part of a contract agreement for a new shelter.

County Commissioners last week voted to request one year of bond payments from the animal shelter officials in an operating contract for a new shelter. The county will invest the funds, which will come from a building fund held by the shelter board. The funds will be held to pay off the last year of bond payments for the shelter, and interest from investment would be returned to the shelter board.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is applying for a \$330,000 loan and \$20,000 grant through U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on behalf of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc., a non-profit agency, has operated the shelter since 1991 when the county decided it would no longer run the shelter due to budget issues.

The shelter facilities are in dire need of repair and replacement.

The Crawford County Road Commission Board in January extended the lease for the current animal shelter through 2007, but have future plans for the use of the property.

An agreement between the county and the animal shelter board stipulates that the shelter will reimburse expenses associated with the design, planning and construction of the shelter. The county board dedicated two acres at the Crawford County Fairgrounds for the shelter.

Roscommon architect Thomas O'Brien has been hired by the shelter board to design the new facility. The 3,700 square foot shelter building will be located in the northwest corner near Old

27 and M-93.

Commissioner Mike Lange at first recommended asking for 10 percent of the estimated cost for the shelter in an escrow account. Commissioners eventually agreed to require just one year of loan payments.

"I think that would help the animal shelter a little bit more," said Commissioner Scott Hanson. "I know as the animal shelter is going forward, they are going to count on a portion of that money in their building fund to help foot the bill for the bond payments in the next couple of years."

Paul Compo, the county administrator, said he was satisfied with the contract language.

"If something were to happen, we would have some dollars to keep the bond payments going until we figure out what we're going to do," Compo said. "If the animal shelter is as successful as they hope and expect to be, they would be able to make a lot of those payments without touching that fund balance."

Language was also added to the contract that allows the shelter to board animals when an illness, death or emergency occurs with a family in the county.

"They're not in the business of boarding animals but they do that in certain circumstances," Compo said.

The shelter contract will be reviewed by Grayling attorney Terrence Bloomquist.

Cheryll Ruley, the secretary/treasurer for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board, said shelter officials have not met with county officials on the contract changes.

The shelter board, however, hopes to draw more community support once the contract is finalized and bids for construction are sought.

"The more people that make donations, the less our loan is going to be and it's going to take less time to pay it off," Ruley said.

Court alerts citizens of potential phone scam

The 46th Circuit Trial Court was recently notified of a court scam being perpetrated in a number of states.

Although the local court system is not aware of the scam in this area, the court is alerting citizens of the scam and advising them what the local court does and does not do, said Rudi Edel, the 46th Trial Court administrator and magistrate.

According to information received, someone is calling people at their homes and advising them that a warrant has been issued for their arrest. When the person called denies any wrong doing, the caller then asks for a social security number and date of birth so the clerical mistake can be corrected and arrest warrant cancelled, Edel said.

Edel stressed 46th Circuit Trial Court staff does not call citizens advising them a warrant was issued for their arrest. In addition, court staff would never call a person on the phone and ask for a social security number or date of birth. Social Security numbers are confidential entries when they appear within a court record.

"When a person has your social security number and date of birth, a fraud could be more easily committed against you," Edel said. "You should never give that information to anyone calling you."

The 46th Circuit Trial Court covers probate and family, district and circuit courts in Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Organizers for the AuSable Adventure Rally, which is being held in June in conjunction with a Historic Aviation Day at the Grayling Army Airfield, attended the Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting last week. Pictured above, front row, Commissioner Mike Lange, County Clerk Sandy Moore, Chairman Dave Stephenson, Commissioner Rick Anderson and Commissioner Terry Beardslee. Second row, Commissioner Cathy Rogers, Jack Roush and Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman. Back row, Commissioner Scott Hanson, Dick Stewart, president of the Yankee Air Force and Museum, Larry Amprim, one of the founders for the AuSable Adventure Rally, Jim Friend, a rally manager, Gene Wedekemper, the pilot for the Yankee Air Force's B-17 Bomber, Norm Ellickson, crew chief for the B-17 Bomber and Don Basham, chairman of the UAW's veterans committee.

Historic Aviation Day planned

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and I feel the honor of doing that," Roush said in an article published in the Richard Petty Stock Car magazine. "The P51 was the fighter that made it possible to protect the bombing raids over Europe; that ultimately stopped Hitler's program to develop atomic weapons."

Grayling Visitors Bureau, civic organizations and businesses are

being tapped to support the event.

"The seed has been planted," Amprim said. "How it grows is up to the community."

Scott Hanson, a Crawford County Commissioner and a retired National Guard member, said letters are being sent to American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, seeking donations to buy aviation fuel for

the historic planes.

"If we can come with a lot of av gas, there's a bunch of additional airplanes that will be available to us," Hanson said.

Last year, the AuSable Adventure Rally and AuSable Adventure Golf Outing raised \$54,780 for the Family Support Fund. Organizers are planning for another successful year and hope to give Grayling area busi-

nesses a shot in the arm.

"I know that these are not the best times in Grayling, but we are going to do our damndest to make things better," Amprim said.

The county board planned to offer a resolution of support for the AuSable Adventure Rally and Historic Aviation Day events.

"It's great for our community and for the men and women in our armed services," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Workshop to be held with housing commission board

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County Commissioners are taking care of some housekeeping with the county's housing commission board and staff.

County commissioners, after discussing a legal opinion from the county attorney Bonnie Toskey, invited housing commission board members and full time staff to a meeting which will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5.

Toskey will conduct a training session, going over the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act and how the laws need to be applied to the housing commission's day-to-

day operations.

The session was prompted by a review of housing commission records by county commissioners.

In addition, Ken Talsma, the county auditor, said a housing commission employee made personal purchases through the housing commission which were reimbursed. Talsma said that the purchases were not an acceptable practice due to the county's tax exempt status.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the county board of commissioners, said that county officials are concerned with the conduct of the housing commission board and employees since the board is liable for actions taken by

appointed boards.

"We've just got to be careful to make sure every i is dotted and t is crossed," Stephenson said. "It's not just the housing commission that we're looking at. We're looking at everything and everyone that falls under the county's umbrella so that everybody is up to speed and knows what they need to be doing so the county is not liable for anything."

Housing commission business has been before the county board in recent months after a Grayling Township resident appealed to commissioners to address workmanship issues for a remodeling project funded through the housing commission.

Grayling grad completes Iditarod race

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His parents, Linda and Mike Bearss, who live in Gross Pointe Woods, said Bryan had some bittersweet feelings as he neared the end of his journey, almost wanting to turn around so he could enjoy more of the scenery.

"That's Bryan - he loves the outdoors," Mike said. "He just wanted the fun and enjoyment of running the race and competing and he wanted to just have fun with his best friends - all of his dogs."

Linda, a teacher's aide at Beacon Elementary School in Harper Woods, said students at the school followed Bryan as he traveled through the rough terrain and braved 45 degree below temperatures. Linda said Bryan was at such peace during one part of the race that he actually fell asleep on the sled.

"It's just you and nature, and all he had to sleep on is a tarp and sleeping bag lying on the ground," Linda said.

Bryan plans on taking part in the race again, depending on scheduling and raising the \$10,000 to \$12,000 needed to pay for expenses and equipment.

"It's quite an undertaking" Mike said. "He loves it and he is going to run it again."

Cornerstone of Calvary Baptist Church honored

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Great Lakes, working on iron ore cargo ships and railroad ferries. Niederer was an employee at Bear Archery in Grayling for 22 years.

While he worked hard, Niederer always made time for his family. He was married to his wife and best friend Mae for 55 years. The couple had four children, 22 grand children and 12 great grandchildren.

Niederer's daughter, Lynette Corlew, recalled how her father spent time teaching her daughter, Calce, how to ride a bicycle while visiting with neighbors and even played dress up.

"Grandpa would do anything for any of his kids," Corlew said.

Niederer loved music and was an avid guitar player and could bring a sweet tune out of a handsaw with a chello bow.

Niederer's son, Dave Niederer, said the family spent several hours singing around the piano last Christmas. "We started singing and we sang for hours," Dave said.

Artists get top marks in statewide competition

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the art instructor at Grayling High School.

Shear plans to pursue degrees which will allow her to become an art teacher and english instructor.

"Art is my passion and it's what I love to do, so being able to share that with someone else is going to give me an avenue that will let me continue doing art," said Shear, who specializes in charcoal drawings.

The best thing about Dr. Amalfi is the time he takes to explain the procedure, his kindness and sense of humor. - Bay Area Times

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Two figures stand out to shock and awe

A COUPLE OF figures appearing in the news recently stand out. One is difficult to imagine, the other is difficult to understand.

The first is nine billion dollars, a number that's tough to imagine. That's the new national debt ceiling approved by congress.

Nine billion is a 13-figure number - a nine followed by 12 zeroes, as in hundreds, thousands, millions, billions and then trillions. That comes out to \$9,000,000,000,000.

The new and higher debt ceiling was necessary because President George W. Bush said we needed another \$92 billion to finance the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and for hurricane relief along the Gulf Coast. Congress agreed.

Congress also is working on an annual budget proposal of \$2.8 trillion - which is another 13-figure number. The budget anticipates an annual deficit of \$350 billion, which is only 12-figure number.

THE PROBLEM, of course, is that the federal government continues to spend more than it takes in, so it borrows more money and the spending continues and the income doesn't keep pace and the national debt goes higher.

Some spending is unforeseen and uncontrollable, such as money for recovery from natural disasters, like hurricanes and floods.

Other spending is virtually uncontrollable once a venture is underway, such as paying for

wars like in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Other spending is caused by needs, both actual and perceived needs, which enough elected officials favor to approve their financing.

And underlying all this is the sluggish revenue side of government, limited by a continued dedication to cutting taxes even in the face of rising spending.

In a nutshell, we continue to spend more than we take in, so we use the national debt like a gigantic bottomless Visa or American Express credit card, paying only the interest on the debt each year and making no payments on the principal.

IT'S DIFFICULT to imagine the magnitude of \$9 trillion, but

the Detroit Free Press published an interesting explanation when the Bush budget reached \$2.77 trillion.

Figuring the United States population at 300 billion, a \$2.77 trillion budget would figure out to \$9,230 per person, which would cost a household of two adults and two children about \$38,000.

Someone working in a 40-hour a week job for the Michigan minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour would have to work for about 13,500,000,000 years to earn his/her share of that national budget.

Because the national debt is roughly three times as large as the budget figure of \$2.77 trillion, a minimum wage worker would have to work more than 40

years to pay off a single personal share of the national debt.

As the late Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois is reported to have commented a few decades ago about federal spending, "A billion dollars here and a billion there and before long you're talking about real money."

A SECOND FIGURE in the news recently that's tough to figure is 46 percent of the American people.

A recent poll by American Research Group, usually described as nonpartisan, reports that 46 percent of Americans would support a congressional censure of President Bush for authorizing wiretapping citizens without court orders, even as part of a national anti-terrorism effort.

Almost half the American people think Mr. Bush is wrong on this issue.

The same poll found that President Bush has a 38 percent approval rating among the public. Other polls about the same time show Bush approval just a slight bit lower.

It's obvious the public has lost some confidence in President Bush even after his second election.

I wonder: Could those two figures on which this column is based be related?

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

This is a community for retirees

To the editor,

Some of the retired people may not mind living in a town that has very little industry or business, with a bunch of fast food restaurants and four or five small restaurants, plus several gas stations. But they don't have to make a living here, they receive Social Security. What is there here for the working age people? What is there here for our young people?

The children that are graduat-

ing here, have to leave this area to get jobs because there are no jobs that pay enough to support their families.

This is a community for retiree's, not for people who are trying to make a living. Pretty soon there won't be anyone left here to even run the restaurants, gas stations, etc., that we do have.

Where will we be then?

Janet Hale
Grayling

Grayling man bowls a 300

To the editor:

I want to start by saying if you want something in the Avalanche that has only happened three times in the history of the Grayling American Legion Bowling Alley you have to write it yourself, so that is what I am doing.

I am writing to announce my husband, Al Angove bowled a 300 game. Great job.

I tried very unsuccessfully to get the Avalanche to do a story on this.

Dena Angove
Grayling

We deserve better

To the editor:

When I wrote the letter to the editor I expected that I would receive some backlash from it. But the responses to my letter have been pretty predictable. "Just move" I've heard. I suggest that our town can and should do better, and I'm told to just move. And to the people that suggest that I would have our town become a "city," No, that's not what I'm suggesting. Gaylord, for example, is not a big city, and neither is Traverse City for that matter. The point I'm trying to make is that our community will prosper if other "big name" businesses are allowed in. Competition will require any business to provide better service and become better. And yes, I think this community can support it. We're already supporting Gaylord and Traverse City with much of our commerce.

I have also been told to get my facts straight. Three grocery stores in town. I've lived here since '87, in that time I watched

the A&P burn down to be replaced by nothing for over ten years. Finally Save-A-Lot moves in, but does it offer any real competition to Glen's? No, it doesn't. Otherwise their prices would have dropped, and they haven't. And as far as the third grocery store is concerned, I'm still looking for it. It can't be Rochette's because that's barely bigger than The Ole Dam Party Store. It must be the Rite-Aid pharmacy. Three department stores. Must be the dollar stores in addition to Kmart. I'm sorry but I can't consider the dollar stores as a department store; not really. That's like saying a scooter is a motorcycle. The big Ben Franklin's was a department store, but that is gone now. I was told to get my facts straight about Blockbuster, that all Blockbusters charged the same amount. I will admit that when I said Blockbuster Gaylord charges \$2.50 for a new release movie, I was wrong, I based that information off of what I heard

rather than getting the facts straight. So I called them. \$3.99 is the price for a new release movie rental. \$3.99 is not the same as \$4.29. It's just too bad that I'm being accused of not having my facts straight by people who don't have their facts straight.

Let's face it, business in this town is bleak. If that weren't true then why are our county officials offering up loans to downtown businesses for facade improvements? Our local businesses can't even afford to maintain their store fronts because our commerce is going elsewhere. We can't sit here and "disbelieve" that this isn't happening. And it's not just our local commerce that is suffering, it's our kids. How about a new sportplex? Somewhere for our families to go and have fun and develop healthy habits. I know that's what Hanson Hills is suppose to be, but it's not half of what we really need or deserve. I also know that there are people

out there who will say that's what the Grayling Recreation Authority is for. But the \$30 (soccer) fee for what little is actually provided I feel is absurd. So basically, until my children reach high school there's not much here in Grayling for them to do. But there can be. It's a choice. And all the people who say to me "just move" aren't really suggesting that I move. What they're really saying is "I don't want a choice."

Now I'll give credit where credit is due. Terry Wright, Grayling Township supervisor, helped do a terrific thing by bringing in the park on Northdown River Rd. He also did a great job in helping improve the appearance of M-72 west with the beautification project. And like I've stated before, the people of our community are good people. That's why I think we deserve better.

Tom Bolick
Grayling

Our community is fortunate to have Dial-A-Ride

To the editor,

Due to a couple of strokes and an inability to drive, I have had to rely on friends and family to drive me to appointments, shopping, etc. Once I was able to get around a little more easily I started using Dial-A-Ride to travel in town. I think our small Grayling community is extremely fortunate

to have this service available. I have seen several of the same adults riding the bus on the same days I ride for the past couple months, so that is probably their main transportation too. I have also ridden on occasion with school age children (not recommended for anyone who still has their hearing).

The amount of money we pay to ride "the little red bus" could not possibly even pay for gasoline, let alone pay the salaries of the wonderful drivers. All of the drivers I have met so far are nothing but friendly, helpful and patient, whether it's waiting for little ones running to get on, someone moving slowly with a

cane (me), or loading up someone in a wheelchair. I cannot say enough about the caliber of the bus drivers that are working for Dial-A-Ride!

Again I say our community is extremely fortunate to have Dial-A-Ride.

Marlene Dinsmore
Grayling

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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Frederic Fun Day Committee to meet

The Frederic Fun Day Committee, will be holding a meeting on Friday, March 24, 6:30 p.m., at the Community Center (across from the Town Hall) in Frederic. Anyone interested in participating in the planning of the Second Annual Frederic Fun Day event is encouraged to attend. For information call Penny at 344-0716.

Youth group holds pancake breakfast

St. Mary's Youth Group will be holding a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 26, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the St. Mary Catholic Church Family Center. Cost is by donation and all are welcome. Money raised will be used for youth group activities, community projects and scholarships.

GMS students vs adults game to be held

As part of Grayling Middle School's annual spirit week, there will be a student vs parents and staff four court volleyball game on Wednesday, March 29 from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Participants will also be voting on the spirit week posters. There is a \$1 charge for this event and all proceeds go to the GMS Media Center. Come on out and have fun with the kids.

Church to hold pie auction

The Community of Christ Church, 1030 Glenn Rd., Grayling, will be holding a pie and ice cream social and auction on March 29. The Social will start at 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Suggested donation for a piece of pie and a scoop of ice cream is \$2. The pie auction will start at 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

COA hosts caregiver class

The Commission on Aging in conjunction with Liz Oleskie, volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association and Linda Cronk from the MSU Extension, will be hosting a caregiver class at the Grayling Senior Center, at 308 Lawndale St. This class provides support and education to persons who are the primary caregivers giving care to loved ones in their home. The class will meet every other Wednesday from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., next class meets March 29.

Animal Shelter Board to meet

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County's Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street, Grayling. All members are encouraged to attend and the public is welcome.

Little League registration continues

Little League Registration for players ages 7-14 continues at Sylvester's until April 21. Registration is \$25 (family max of \$50) with each player being responsible for a \$20 (family max of \$40) fund-raising fee. For more information about the fund contact the Youth Service Bureau at 348-2841 ext 262. For Little League information contact League President, Rich Schreiber at 348-4148.

Daycare center to hold fund-raiser

Crawford AuSable Daycare, Old Lake Rd., Grayling, will hold a fund-raiser on Thursday, March 23, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., at the daycare center. Come for a night of shopping with Pampered Chef, At Home America, Tastefully Simple, and Discovery Toys, with a percentage of the proceeds going to the daycare. For information or questions call 348-7709.

Boy Scouts to hold annual food drive

Local Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops will be distributing yellow plastic bags to area doors on Saturday, March 25, for non-perishable food items. The bags will be picked-up on Saturday, April 1 starting 8 a.m. The food will be donated to the Christian Help Center.

Medicare beneficiaries urged to be on the look-out for phone scams

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) warns seniors and people with disabilities to be aware of a scheme that asks Medicare beneficiaries for money and checking account information to help them enroll in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

This scheme is called the "\$299 Ring" for the typical amount of money Medicare beneficiaries are talked into withdrawing from their checking accounts to pay for a non-existent prescription drug plan. Consumers can report these cases to their local law enforcement agencies or 1-877-7SAFERX (1-877-772-3379).

Medicare has received complaints from Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Georgia. Complaints have been made against a number of different companies, but authorities believe that the companies are the same and are typically based outside the U. S. As soon as CMS receives these complaints, they are investigated and referred to federal law enforcement authorities.

No Medicare drug plan can ask a person with Medicare for bank account or other personal information over the telephone. No beneficiary should ever provide that kind of information to

a caller. They should contact their local police department if they believe someone is trying to take money or information from them illegally.

People with Medicare should also remember that they should be on the lookout for anyone trying to take advantage of them and take steps to protect themselves by remembering:

No one can come into your home uninvited.

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Always keep all personal information, such as your Medicare number safe, just as you would a credit card or a bank account number.

Whenever you have a question or concern about any activity regarding Medicare, call 1800-MEDICARE.

In addition, legitimate Medicare drug plans will not ask for payment over the telephone or the Internet. They must bill the beneficiary for the monthly premium. Typically, that amount is set up as an automatic withdrawal from the beneficiary's monthly Social Security check. Beneficiaries may also opt to pay the monthly premiums in other ways such as writing a check or setting up automatic payments from their checking accounts.

Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District to host Expo

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District will be hosting its first ever Conservation Expo on Saturday, March 25, at the CRAF Center gymnasium, downtown Roscommon, 606 Lake Street, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the districts annual meeting (open to the public) to follow at 4:30 p.m. The Conservation Expo is a family orientated educational event.

Over 30 local, state and national non-profit organizations will be participating, Adopt-a-highway, Kirtland Warbler, Audubon Society, AuSable River Center, DNR Adopt-a-forest, Landowner Incentive Program, Ducks Unlimited, Headwaters Land Conservancy, Higgins Lake Property Owners Association, Higgins Lake Foundation, Houghton Lake Sportsman Club, MSU Extension, Upper Manistee River Association, Muskegon River Watershed, Michigan Forest Association, Mid Michigan Independent Trappers Association, Ruffed Grouse Society, Sharp Tail Grouse, Wellington Farm Park, Gahagan Nature Preserve, Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development, Wild Turkey Federation- Beaver Creek Chapter, Wild Turkey Federation, Michigan Resource Stewards, Houghton Lake Lake Association, AmeriCorps,

Michigan Horticultural Therapy Organization, DNR, and Tree Farm.

Workshops will include and times are as follows:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Gardening with AmeriCorps Manager Susan Ebright. Cost-Share Programs available to landowners presented by Jacque Korn, USDA/NRCS District Conservationist, Brian Piccolo, LIP Biologist, Tom Stone, DNR Service Forester.

12 p.m.: "The Weather Machine" with Tom O'Hare of TV 9 & 10 News.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.: Forestry Workshop with Chris Nieman, Crawford-Roscommon District Forester, Bryce Metcalfe, Private Consulting Forester and Russ Kidd, District Forestry Educator for MSUE. Wildlife with Tom Dale, Education Coordinator of Gahagan Nature Preserve.

There will be face painting, hands on activities for the kids, prizes and a special visit by Smokey the Bear. Door prizes and giveaways will be held throughout the day. Food and refreshments will also be available. Don't forget to stop by and judge your favorite photos from Crawford and Roscommon counties, which have been taken by amateurs in the area. For any questions regarding this event please call 989-275-5231.

Kirtland Youth Theatre presents 'Pippi Longstocking'

The American Family Theater's production of the children's classic story of "Pippi Longstocking" is being presented to area residents through the Kirtland Youth Theatre's final performance of the 2005-2006 Season taking place on Friday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m. and at 1 p.m.

The story begins with Pippi's friends Annika and Tommy walking home from school and noticing Pippi looking out the Villa window of an old house they thought was uninhabited. After introducing themselves, Pippi explains she is living in the house with a monkey and a horse. Her mother is in heaven and her father is a pirate. Delighted with their new friend, Annika and Tommy invite Pippi to go with them to a carnival.

Soon after Annika and Tommy run home to change clothes, Mrs. Prysselius, a school teacher who works with

the Child Welfare Board, sees Pippi playing outside the Villa. Pippi explains the same story she told Annika and Tommy and Mrs. Prysselius makes plans to have Pippi adopted, cared for and sent to school. Pippi takes a suitcase of gold coins with them when they go to the carnival and two thieves plan to steal the coins and that is when the excitement/fun begins.

These two performances are being opened up to the area communities. Kirtland Youth Theatre is encouraging moms, dads, and grandparents to bring their children out to see this production. Many area schools will be on spring break and this would be a great opportunity for area residents to be able to see a Kirtland Youth Theatre production.

Tickets are \$3 per person. For reservations or information call the Kirtland ticket office at 989-275-6777. The shows are approximately one hour in length.

Church to hold Ultra-Contemporary Service

The Soul's Harbor Worship Center, at 250 Lake St., Roscommon, will be offering a new worship experience to the community on March 25, at 6 p.m. It will be vastly different from the traditional worship service, targeting generation X (30-40) on down in age.

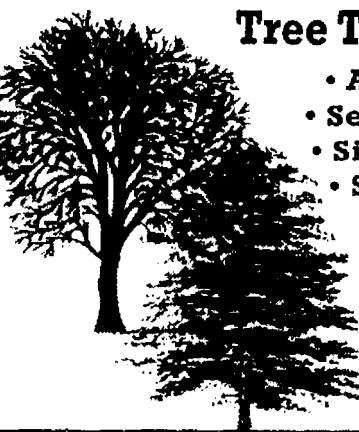
This Ultra-Contemporary Service is geared to be family friendly, and seeker friendly, offering a praise and worship time packaged in a concert atmosphere complete with special lighting and other special effects. The pre-service agenda which begins at 5 p.m., includes, a cafe serving food for a nominal fee to those too rushed to prepare their meal beforehand. A cappuccino bar, a rec. room with many games for the young and young at heart, a bookstore and library were browsing with a cup of coffee is not only anticipated but expected.

A staffed nursery for children aged three years and under is available to families in attendance.

For more information contact the church office at 275-5309.

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The Bible Speaks

Hate Crimes?

A few weeks ago 11 Baptist churches were burned by arsonists in Alabama. You may remember back in 1996 when several churches were burned in the South. Back then Deval Patrick, assistant attorney general for civil rights in the Clinton administration said, "We are facing an epidemic of terror." They labeled the fires "Racism!" But when they found a third of the arsonists were black, and half of the churches were white, they seemed to lose interest since apparently the real cause was not racism. Concerning the current arsons, FBI Special Agent Charles Regan reportedly told reporters in Birmingham, "We're looking to make sure this is not a hate crime and that we do everything that we need to do."

If any other religious buildings were being burned in this country, the media would carry the story 24 hours a day, and Congress would pass new legislation against religious hate crimes. Had 11 sodomite churches in the San Francisco area been burned, there would have been national mobilization of all levels of law enforcement officers to locate and punish those committing such hate crimes. If

11 mosques had been burned we would surely be in World War III and the entire world would be condemning us for religious discrimination.

Mark Potok, a director of the left-wing Southern Poverty Law Center reportedly told the Los Angeles Times concerning the cause for the burning of 11 Baptist churches: "I don't see any evidence that these fires are hate crimes. Anti-Christian crimes are exceedingly rare in the South." It seems Christians cannot logically be considered victims by any of the politically correct left because they resent Christianity as the most powerful world religion. Therefore, Christians are implied to be villains that deliberately bring about their own conflict with other religions.

A Fox News poll in December revealed that 59 percent of Americans believe "Christianity is under attack" in America. Growing hostility against Christians has motivated the first national conference in Washington, D.C. on "The War on Christians." Various panels at the Conference will discuss: "The Gay Agenda: America Won't Be Happy," "The ACLU And Radical Secularism: Driving

God From The Public Square," "Hollywood: Christians Through A Distorted Lens," "Jews Confront The War On Christians," "The Judiciary: Overruling God" and "The Media: Megaphone For Anti-Faith Values."

Ten years ago Don Feder wrote an article which still illustrates the problem. Back then Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report both ran stories discrediting Christianity. The Newsweek's headline was "Rethinking the Resurrection," and U.S. News's was "In Search of Jesus: Who was He?" Feder said, "Would any of these publications have the chutzpah to run a cover story questioning the authenticity of Moses' message ('Moses, Man or Myth') or dissing Islam's founder ('Muhammad - Charlatan or What?'). Christians alone defend the right and freedom of all people to accept or reject any religious truth or error. God gave us truth and freedom. Freedom is distinctively Christian. Pastor 'B'."

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, March 24 - Lunch-meatloaf, boiled potatoes, green beans almandine and ambrosia fruit salad. No Dinner. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and pantry bingo.

Monday, March 27 - Lunch - salmon patties with cream sauce, cauliflower, orange carrot almandine and mixed fruit. Dinner - kielbasa, sauerkraut, au gratin potatoes and apricots. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Cardio.

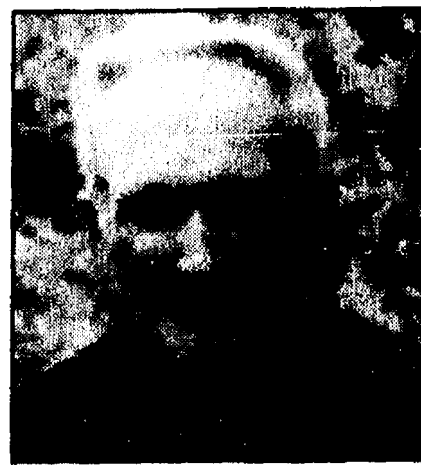
Tuesday, March 28 - Lunch - baked ham, peas, glazed sweet potatoes and fruited yogurt. Dinner - sausage pizza, Italian blend vegetable, pineapple and peach crisp. 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. driver safety, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. tax clinic, 10 a.m. tenant council mtg.

Wednesday, March 29 - Lunch - cheddar chicken broccoli casserole, Brussels sprouts, mixed vegetables, and Mandarin oranges. Dinner - roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, spinach, and Jell-O. 10 a.m. line dancing, 2 p.m. caregiver class.

Thursday, March 30 - Lunch - beef goulash, corn, peaches, and grapes. Dinner - turkey pot pie, winter blend veggies, and pumpkin custard. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. driver safety, 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure checks/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

OBITUARIES



Ethel A. Henderson

Apr. 26, 1922 - Mar. 16, 2006

Ethel A. Henderson, 83, of Beaver Creek Township, passed away on March 16, 2006.

She was born on April 26, 1922 in Cadillac to Truman Wesley and Nelley (Dykstra) Hopkins.

Ethel married Keith Henderson, Sr., in Flint in 1963; he preceded her in death in 1999.

She is survived by: Dallas (Beverly) Lemcool, Betty (Dayle) Morse, Peggy Antone, Archie (Carolyn) Lemcool, Keith Jr. (Sue) Henderson; sisters, Thelma and Dorothy; brother, Lee Hopkins; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sons, Robert and Ernie Lemcool.

Funeral services were held on March 19, at the Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home with Rev. Patricia Petrie officiating.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

John B. Brady

July 28, 1955 - Mar. 16, 2006

John B. Brady, 50, of Houghton Lake, formerly of West Branch, passed away at Grayling Mercy Hospital on March 16, 2006.

He is survived by his brother, Joseph (Janet) Brady of Oxford; sister, Janis Brady of Houghton Lake; nieces, Jennifer and Katie; nephew, Joey; and his special pets, Buddy and Mowzer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Geraldine Brady, and many aunts and uncles.

A funeral mass was held on March 20, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in West Branch with Father Robert Bissot officiating.

Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Branch.

Arrangements by Steuermol and McLaren Funeral Homes.

In Memory of

My husband Bob Smock Sr. H- Helping kids to learn the fly-tying art.

U- United Jeanie, Heidi and I stood trying to get you to the hospital.

S- Your shop was a good gathering place for tall tales, laughter and coffee.

B- had a good name Bob & wife Barb.

A- You were an early a.m. coffee person.

N- You always watched the news and commented on it.

D- You loved deer hunting with a bow. Life changed and driving to the river was great!

P.S. Our 21st great-grandchild arrived last 11-20-2005 named Julia.

"Miss you"
Love Barb

In Memory of

In Memory of Bob Smock F- Making each of us feel we were the "favorite" one.

A- "Always" taking time for us.

T- Being "tough" when you had to.

H- "Helping" us through a problem.

E- "Everyone's" idea of a great guy.

R- "Ruling" the roost as needed.

Dad, you will never be forgotten.

Bobby, Jeanie, Beverly, Jim, Randy, Gail and Joe

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of March 12 - March 19:

One traffic accident, six assist other departments, six civil complaints, one criminal sexual conduct complaint, five suspicious situations, one fraud complaint, two malicious destruction of property complaints, one attempt to locate, three disturbing the peace complaints and two unclassified complaints.

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Adult Sunday School 9:45 am
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Phone 989-275-1061
Services held Saturday at
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Sunday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovell Community Chapel
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Pastor Larry Hankins
Associate Pastor: Tom Peltance
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Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 pm

Free Methodist
Pastor Larry Hankins
6652 (M-72 W) • 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Evans Lowery United
Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

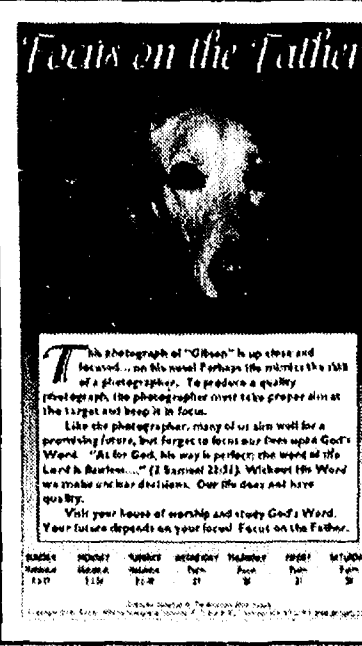
Heritage Baptist
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 7 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President David Page
600 North Elm Street, Grayling
Sacrament 10 am
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Primary 11 am
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Relief Society 12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
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Service 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting (van transportation available) 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Sheehan
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Gletsch Rd. • 348-9751
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

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Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

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Mail: 9141 N. Cut River Rd Roscommon, MI
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Phone: 989-348-9382 or 989-821-6722
E-mail: reslife@earthlink.net

St. Martin de Luther (WELS)
Douglas Carter, Pastor
For information call 989-390-5920
The Roscommon Community Center,
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Sunday 9 am

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Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study 12 noon

Calvary Baptist Church
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M-72 West
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Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 pm

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Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
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Wednesday Evening 7 pm

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Range firing scheduled for the period of March 23 - 29, is as follows:

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Small Arms Ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, March 27-29.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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Receiving the 2005 O.B. Eustis Environmental Awards are (L to R): Bud Slingerlend, Lori Pahlkotter and Bill Schwartz of the Long Lake Improvement Association and Tom Young, Montmorency County Tribune.

Huron Pines RC&D announces O.B. Eustis Environmental Awards for 2005

Huron Pines is announcing the recipients of the 2005 O.B. Eustis Environmental Awards. The winners are as follows:

Individual Category - Robert "Bud" Slingerlend

Organization Category - Long Lake Improvement Association Business Category - Montmorency County Tribune

The purpose of the award is to recognize environmental protection or improvement efforts in Northeast Michigan. Through a \$1500 grant from the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, each award winner will be able to designate their portion of the grant to an

environmental project in Northeast Michigan.

The award winners were recognized at the Huron Pines RC&D Annual Meeting on February 4th in Hillman. The award was named for the late O.B. Eustis, whose career in Northern Michigan was exemplary in balancing economic and environmental issues.

The nominees came from the eleven-county Northeast Michigan region, namely Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon counties. Nominations were

judged by a committee of representatives from the region, including representatives from the Eustis family.

Robert "Bud" Slingerlend of Atlanta, Michigan was recognized for his extensive work as a conservationist, including service in the House of Representatives, first president of the Montmorency County Conservation Club and Chairman of the Upper Black River Watershed Restoration Committee.

The Long Lake Improvement Association (Alpena) was recognized for their contributions to Long Lake, conducting water

quality monitoring, stocking to restore the fish population, and cormorant control.

The Montmorency County Tribune, owned and operated by Tom and Carol Young, was recognized for its owners' dedication to providing a voice for conservation issues affecting the region.

Huron Pines RC&D has been a partner in the O.B. Eustis Awards since the awards were begun in 1995.

Nominations forms, along with the criteria by which the applicants are judged, can be obtained by contacting the Huron Pines RC&D office.

Pilon receives Award of Distinction honor

Crawford AuSable Schools board member John Pilon received the Award of Distinction from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) recently for his efforts to improve his leadership skills and become a more effective school leader, demonstrating his commitment to student achievement.

Awards are earned for classes completed in MASB's leadership training program, as well as for conference attendance, years of service and leadership activities.

This year, more than 1,000 school board members statewide participated in the school board association's professional development program for elected school leaders. It honors board member for seven levels of achievement. Levels of certification awards are:

Level 1 - Certified Board Member Award: Nine 100-level

CBA classes.

Level 2 - Award of Merit: Level 1 plus 45 education credits.

Level 3 - Award of Distinction: Levels 1 and 2, four 200-level CBA classes and 208 education credits.

Level 4 - Master Board Member Award: Levels 1 - 3, nine 200-level CBA classes and 368 education credits.

Level 5 - Master Diamond Award: Levels 1 - 4, 14 - 200-level classes and 528 education credits.

Level - 6 Master Platinum Award: Levels 1 - 5, 19 - 200-level classes and 813 education credits.

Level 7 - President's Award of Recognition: Levels 106, 29 - 200-level CBA classes and 1,383 education credits.

Advocacy Skills Specialty Level: Level 1 and six - 200-level communications classes.

"A recent survey by MASB

shows that the public supports school board member training. The public has made the connection between school board governance and student performance and it's important that school boards make that connection as well. Pilon has clearly done that," said Justin King, Executive Director of MASB.

To achieve Level One and become "certified," board members take 30 hours of classroom training in subjects ranging from school law and finance to community relations.

Higher levels of recognition require even more coursework, service and leadership responsibilities.

Special recognition is also given to boards of education when all members complete level one, the basic certification program. These boards receive MASB's Honor Board Award. Boards receive the Standard of Excellence Award when all

members complete Level Two, the Award of Merit.

MILITARY NEWS

Army National Guard PFC. Trevor A. Clough has graduated from the Light-Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Advanced Individual Training (AIT) course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, MD.

The course is designed to train soldiers to perform unit maintenance and recovery operations on gasoline and diesel fueled light-wheeled vehicles, including prime movers designated as five-ton or less and their associated trailers, and associated items. Soldiers were trained to perform maintenance and recovery operations on track and heavy-wheeled vehicles, and on material steering systems, hydraulic power steering systems, and crane/hoist/winch assemblies.

Clough is the son of Arthur E. and Diane M. Clough of

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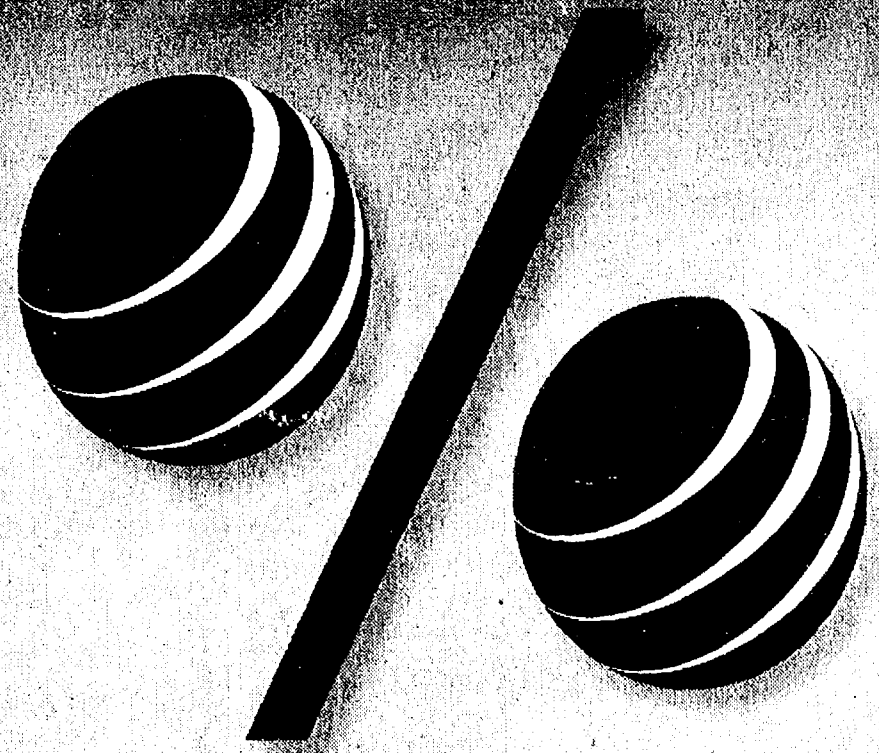
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Michigan citizens invited to help identify issues for research, education

As the state's land-grant institution, Michigan State University (MSU) has a responsibility not only to educate students on its East Lansing campus but also to conduct research that benefits Michigan citizens and to extend the knowledge generated by that research across the state.

This beneficial research is conducted by the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES) and then disseminated across the state via MSU Extension (MSUE). To ensure that the work of researchers, specialists, educators and program associates is meeting the state's needs, these two organizations are working together to ask Michigan residents to help identify issues and opportunities for MAES research and MSUE educational programming during the years ahead.

"We are required to review our research and educational goals and then generate five-year plans for the U.S. Department of Agriculture," says Christine Vogt, MSU associate professor of community, agriculture, recreation and resource studies. "This is the first year that we are working together to even more closely align the research and educational efforts that affect everyone in Michigan."

The results of the issues identification process will shape the direction for relevant, research-based educational programming to address local issues. It also will guide state-level decisions on research priorities and program support and provide a framework for the organizations federal plan of work.

Michigan residents are invited to take part in the process by completing a brief online survey to prioritize the issues of greatest concern to them, their families and their communities. To do this, visit <http://eisevaluation.msue.edu/needassessment/survey.cfm> and follow the instructions. Survey respondents also may encourage their friends, neighbors, family members and others to answer the questions.

Residents without access to the Web can fill out the survey on paper at any MSU Extension county office. The Crawford County MSU Extension office is located in the basement of the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling.

For more information about the MAES/MSUE issues identification process, visit <http://ceenet.msue.msu.edu/home/director/issueid/finalinternal.pdf> or contact Linda Cronk, Crawford County Extension Director, (989) 344-3279.

Hull receives civilian service award and medal

Col. (Ret) Dennis D. Hull, former Camp Grayling Commander was awarded the Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Award and Medal. Col. (Ret) Hull served the Camp Grayling Commander and as a Military Technician under Federal Civil Service for over 30 years. He was presented this award during a brief ceremony in Grayling.



Col. Dennis D. Hull

Col. Dean W. Brown, Camp Grayling Commander, presented him with the Award Certificate and pinned him with the medal. The certificate reads:

"Department of Army, Colonel Dennis D. Hull is presented the Superior Civilian Service Award. Colonel Dennis D. Hull is cited for his superior civilian service from January 1, 2000 through January 31, 2006, while serving as commander, maneuver training center at Camp Grayling, Michigan Army National Guard. Colonel Hull's superior executive managerial skills and outstanding leadership has ensured Camp Grayling, which is the largest training installation in the Army National Guard inventory, remains vital to the national defense strategy and relevant to today's military training demands. His com-

mitment to the National Guard training centers has brought Camp Grayling to the forefront and made it one of the premier reserve component training sites.

Under his leadership, over 168,000 soldier training days in the last training year were accomplished and many for real world deployments. His dedication has always been of the highest standards and is keeping with the commitment to excellence of the National Guard Bureau Headquarters. Colonel Hull's superior civilian service reflects great credit upon himself, the Michigan National Guard and the National Guard Bureau.

Signed Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, U.S. Army, Chief, National Guard Bureau."

Nash to head Secretariat for Faith Development

Bishop Patrick R. Cooney, from the Diocese of Gaylord, announces the hiring of Dr. Richard Nash to the position of Director of the Secretariat for Faith Development.

Dr. Nash's education and work experience well qualify him to serve in this important position. He received a B.A. in Philosophy from Niagara University in Albany, New York, a M.A. in Sacred Scripture/Religious Education from St. John University in Jamaica, New York; a Ph.D. in Philosophy and a Ph.D. in Religious Studies/Theology from Catholic University of Louvain in Louvain, Belgium.

His professional experience includes many years of teaching at the high school and college levels as well as service in administrative and leadership positions within the Catholic Church. He has also been involved in a variety of educa-

tional and catechetical programs for adolescents, young adults and adults, and his responsibilities have extended into other areas of pastoral ministry as well.

Dr. Nash's work experience includes service as coordinator of parish directors of religious education and as coordinator of youth and young adult ministry for the Diocese of Rockville Center, New York. He served as the Director of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Halifax in Nova Scotia.

In his new position, Dr. Nash will be responsible for all matters relating to faith development for adults and youth. He will meet regularly with the vicariate directors of religious education and youth ministers, who will, in turn, meet with their counterparts within the parishes.

As the director of the Center for Catholic Studies, Dr. Nash will also monitor the progress of the DREs and catechists in the

certificate programs as well as act as advisor to students seeking certification in any of the faith development programs through the center. He will collaborate with other diocesan directors to select courses, recruit instructors and develop new programming.

When informed of his selection, as the new director, Dr. Nash responded, "I am honored and very happy to be joining the Diocese of Gaylord and to be offered this opportunity to serve. I'm looking forward to meeting a great many fellow pilgrims on the journey of faith here, and to making an equal number of new friends in northern Michigan."

Since his arrival from Halifax the last week in January, our winter weather has taken a turn for the worst; however, Dr. Nash was undaunted. "I confess," he said, "I was hoping for a brief remainder of winter without the nor'easters that blow constantly on the coast of Nova Scotia."

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New general manager named at Weyerhaeuser

Dave Malm, Weyerhaeuser Company Northeast Region Strand Technologies Manufacturing Manager recently announced the selection of Ian Faulkner as his replacement as the General Manager of the Grayling Structurwood mill.

Faulkner has been part of Weyerhaeuser Company's Structurwood Organization for over 20 years holding a variety of leadership roles, most recently as the Operations Manager at the Elkin, North Carolina Structurwood mill. He joined the Grayling organization effective January 23, 2006.

Malm, previous General Manager for the Grayling Structurwood mill will now concentrate on his new role as Weyerhaeuser Company Northeast Region Strand Technologies Manufacturing Manager with leadership responsibility for Structurwood mills located in Wawa, Ontario and Miramichi, New Brunswick Canada and Grayling. He also has leadership responsibility of the Weyerhaeuser Trus Joist Plant in Deerwood, Minnesota. These facilities are all part of the Weyerhaeuser Strand Technology Business with mills and plants located throughout the United States and Canada.

Malm has worked within Weyerhaeuser since 1982 holding leadership positions in tech-



Dave Malm (right) Region Manufacturing Manager passes on the ceremonial canoe paddle to new General Manager Ian Faulkner (left), as he assumes responsibility of the Grayling Structurwood mill. The racing paddle, signed by Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon competitors is displayed at the Grayling mill.

nical, maintenance and manufacturing, most recently as the General Manager of the Grayling Structurwood mill.

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Grayling graduate authors book on success principles

A Grayling High School graduate and businessman recently released a book on leadership in hopes of helping other people achieve their goals.

"Take Charge - Get Results," a book described as a simple approach to the principles of success, was written by George J. Morse.

Morse, a 1983 Grayling High School graduate, and his wife, Andrea, opened their first Subway restaurant in Oscoda in 1993. They now maintain their corporate headquarters in Oscoda, and operate four other Subway franchises in the Bay City area.

Morse is also president of Morse & Associates, an organization he founded which provides leadership training and personal and professional leadership coaching to business people and individuals.

Morse said he was inspired to write "Take Charge - Get Results" after being asked several times on how he achieved success.

Morse said he advised clients to read self help books which had been helpful to him. The clients, however, told him

that the books were too complicated and did not apply to their situations.

"The first thing you'll discover when reading "Take Charge - Get Results" is that in order for you be successful, you must determine what success means to you," Morse said. "If you live your life by society's definition of success, as many Americans do, you're bound to end up feeling unsatisfied and unfulfilled."

"Once you've defined success on your own terms, you'll begin to make decisions that are consistent with that definition - decision that move you forward toward the accomplishment of your goals, Morse added.

Morse is the son of George and Lorna Morse, who live in Grayling.

In addition to his business ventures, Morse is a member of the Oscoda AuSable Chamber of Commerce, a member of the strategic planning commission for the Oscoda Area School District, has coached youth soccer since 1998 and is a regional commissioner for the American Youth Soccer Association.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Rick Grisham
The financial-services firm Edward Jones has hired Rick Grisham as the new investment representative for Grayling's branch office located at 307 Huron St. Suite 1.

"We're very proud to have

Rick represent us in Grayling," said James D. Weddle, the firm's managing partner. "The people of this community have grown to rely on our firm for their investment needs, and I am confident Rick will continue our outstanding tradition by providing one-

on-one service." Grisham said he is enthusiastic about taking over the office. "I joined this firm because I was impressed with its commitment to individual investors," he said. "Now I'm looking forward to meeting with the individuals here

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WASHINGTON NOTES

by Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Securing Our Northern Border

The Northern Border of the United States stretches more than 4,000 miles through 12 states, while our Southern Border measures just 1,900 miles along four states. Yet, as the 9/11 Commission pointed out in its final report, the Northern Border has traditionally received less attention and resources from the federal government. Because 721 of the border's 4,000 miles belong to Michigan, giving our state the longest section of the U.S. - Canadian border in the contiguous 48 states, we are acutely interested in Northern Border security.

On September 11, 2001, there were less than 400 Border Patrol agents assigned to the Northern Border compared to more than 8,000 along the Southern Border. Put another way, more than 20 times as many agents on the Southern Border were covering less than half the distance as the Northern Border. The inadequacies of Northern Border staffing were highlighted when border security was tightened after the September 11 attacks, resulting in backups of 12 hours or more at Southeast Michigan border crossings.

Fortunately, we have made some progress in the last few years. There are now more than 1,000 Northern Border patrol agents, including a large increase in southeastern Michigan. In addition, the Department of Homeland Security has recommended Southeast Michigan as the new home of a Northern Border Air Wing, an initiative launched by the Department of Homeland Security in 2004 to improve Northern Border security. The air wing will enhance law enforcement, surveillance and response capabilities along the border, and its location in southeast Michigan places it near three of our nation's busiest border crossings. The new air wing should also spur the deployment of new homeland security technologies along the Northern Border.

While we have made progress in addressing Northern Border security needs, we still have more to do. For example, we need to address the unique challenges our first responders face in communicating in the event of a large-scale disaster or terrorist attack. Our first responders need open communication not only with federal, state and local entities but also with their Canadian counterparts.

In 2005, the Senate twice approved an amendment I authored to help our first responders address these challenges. The amendment directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish demonstration projects on the Northern Border to address our first responders' interoperable com-

munications needs. The projects would identify common frequencies for communications equipment and provide training and equipment to relevant personnel. Unfortunately, the House of Representatives did not agree so the amendments did not become law. I will continue to work with my colleagues from the Michigan Congressional delegation to ensure we address the needs of our first responders.

We must also reevaluate the way homeland security grant money is distributed. The current formula disadvantages large population states like Michigan by guaranteeing that a large portion of the funds will be divided equally among the

states, regardless of size, population or risk. To address this problem, I cosponsored an amendment to provide a new and fairer distribution of homeland security funding. While this amendment passed the Senate with wide support, the House of Representatives again did not agree and it did not become law.

I am also working for passage of the Northern Border Prosecution Initiative Reimbursement Act, which is designed to assist state, county, parish, tribal or municipal governments with the cost of prosecuting federally-initiated cases connected to the Northern Border. These types of cases often involve drug smuggling

but may also relate to stolen property, firearms violations and kidnapping. An identical program has existed for Southern Border states since 2002. By easing the cost burden on local governments, they will be able to more effectively prosecute border-related crime and devote more resources to border security efforts.

Unfortunately, the threat from terrorism is real, and we must continue to work to prevent and respond to an attack. I will continue to work with colleagues to push for effective measures to enhance the security of our Northern and Southern Borders and to keep all Americans safe.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.



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invasions, one burglary-safe/vault, one burglary-forced entry-residence, seven larcenies, one larceny-personal property from vehicle, two larcenies-other, one theft and use-motor vehicle, two fraudulent activities, one narcotic drugs-fraudulent procurement, eight public peace/disorderlies, one accident/failed to report, three OUILs, two operating under the influence of alcohol complaints, seven health and safeties, three miscellaneous criminal offenses, four miscellaneous arrests, and nine driving violations/driving while license suspended.

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Michigan Fly Fishing Club partners with Huron Pines to protect the AuSable

Good streams don't just stay "good," and that's due to impacts from recreation and development, as well as impairments from past land use practices. In recent years, the Michigan Fly Fishing Club has been a key part of the proactive management of coldwater resources and has supported several river restoration projects coordinated through Huron Pines. These include the AuSable River Large Woody Debris stream enhancement project on both the North Branch and Mainstream of the river, improvement of the road-stream crossing where the South Branch of the Au Sable River is crossed by Pine Drive, ongoing support for the Grayling Stormwater Project, and streambank erosion control projects utilizing natural methods suitable to Northern Michigan rivers.

Good stream habitat for cold-water species like brook trout includes cool water tempera-

tures; stable stream flows; a suitable amount of woody material in the stream; and areas with pools, riffles, and a gravel bottom. These are the key requirements for protecting and enhancing the great coldwater fishery found in Northeast Michigan.

Contributing factors to this great fishery are the sandy soils found in much of the region (which help promote infiltration of water and ensure stable stream flows and cold water), a general lack of development in many of the watersheds (relative to the more urbanized streams in lower Michigan), and the efforts of many conservation partners who work to make sure river improvement projects are conducted each year.

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club's dollars have been leveraged with many other contributions and ensured that several key coldwater stream improvement projects have been implemented, according to Huron Pines Restoration Ecologist Kris Bruestle.

"The dollars from the Michigan Fly Fishing Club are always directed to projects which are large in scale or serve as demonstration projects to be duplicated in other areas. Their funding helps generate additional support from many other sources," added Bruestle.

In March of 2006, this club further demonstrated their commitment to river protection in Northern Michigan by making four grant awards:

\$5,000 for the instream improvement effort on the main branch of the AuSable River using the Huron Pines Restoration Crew.

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Huron Pines works to conserve the forests, lakes, and streams of Northeast Michigan. This effort, through an 11-county service area, is accomplished by building partnerships between the public sector, landowners, resource professionals, and groups like the Michigan Fly Fishing Club.

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BIRTHS

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Spring sports teams start preparing for 2006 season



Girls Track & Field

■ Four out of eight teams will have new coaches this year; games start in April

Grayling High School's spring sports teams are preparing for the 2006 season, with some teams starting official practices last week and some starting this week.

"Obviously all of our sports want to get outside as soon as possible. We're hoping for some good weather soon," said Doug Pummell, athletic director for the Crawford AuSable School District.

Baseball and softball – The GHS baseball program has two new coaches this year – John Schneider (varsity) and Jeff Koehler (junior varsity). Schneider coached the JV baseball squad at GHS two years ago. Koehler is a teacher at Grayling High School.

The varsity baseball squad's

first doubleheader of the 2006 season is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, at 4 p.m. at Cheboygan. The Vikings play at Roscommon at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 13. The team's home opener will be a league series vs. Elk Rapids on Tuesday, April 18, at 4:30 p.m.

The JV baseball team will host Cheboygan on Wednesday, April 12, at 4 p.m. On Thursday, April 13, the JV Vikings will host the Roscommon Bucks.

Keri Brock is back as coach of the varsity softball squad. For the second consecutive year, there will not be a junior varsity softball team at GHS due to lack of player numbers.

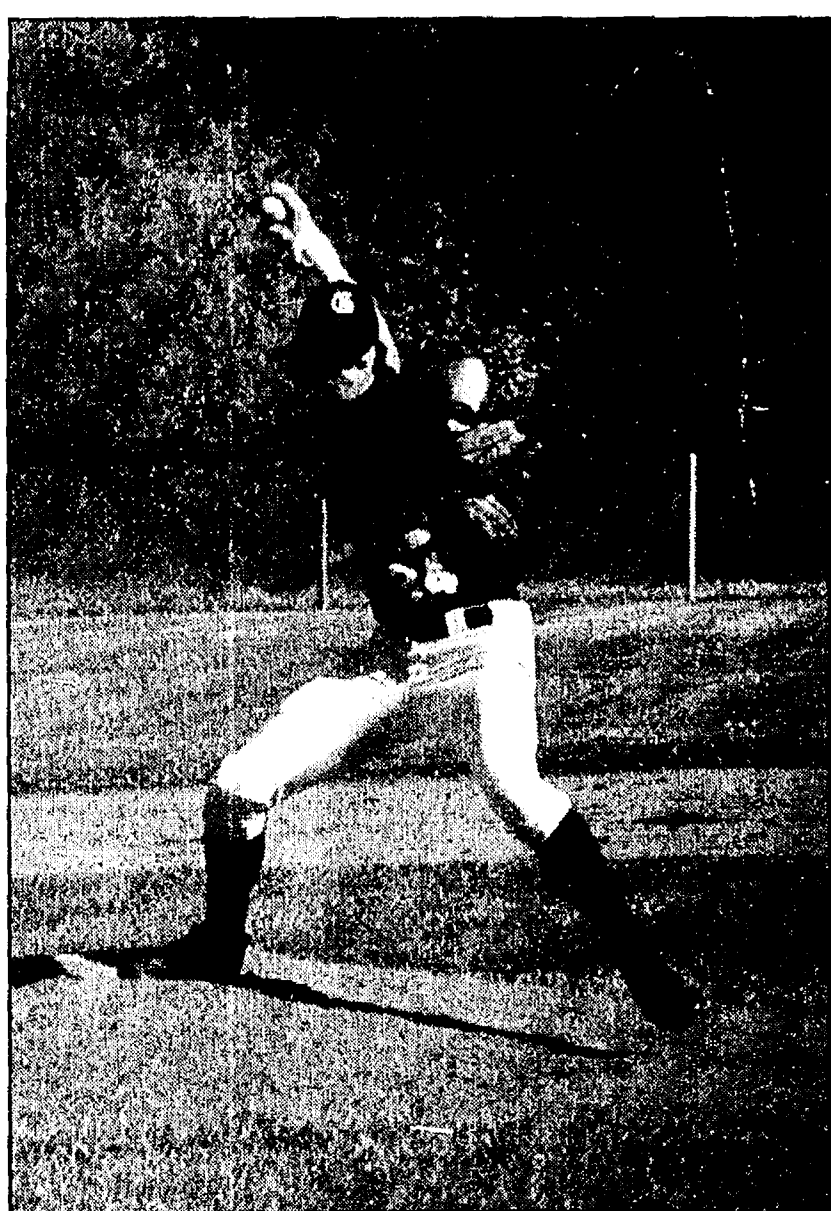
The softball team plays at Cheboygan on Wednesday, April 12, at 4 p.m. On Thursday, April 13, the Vikings travel to Roscommon. The squad's first home game is scheduled for

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Boys Track & Field



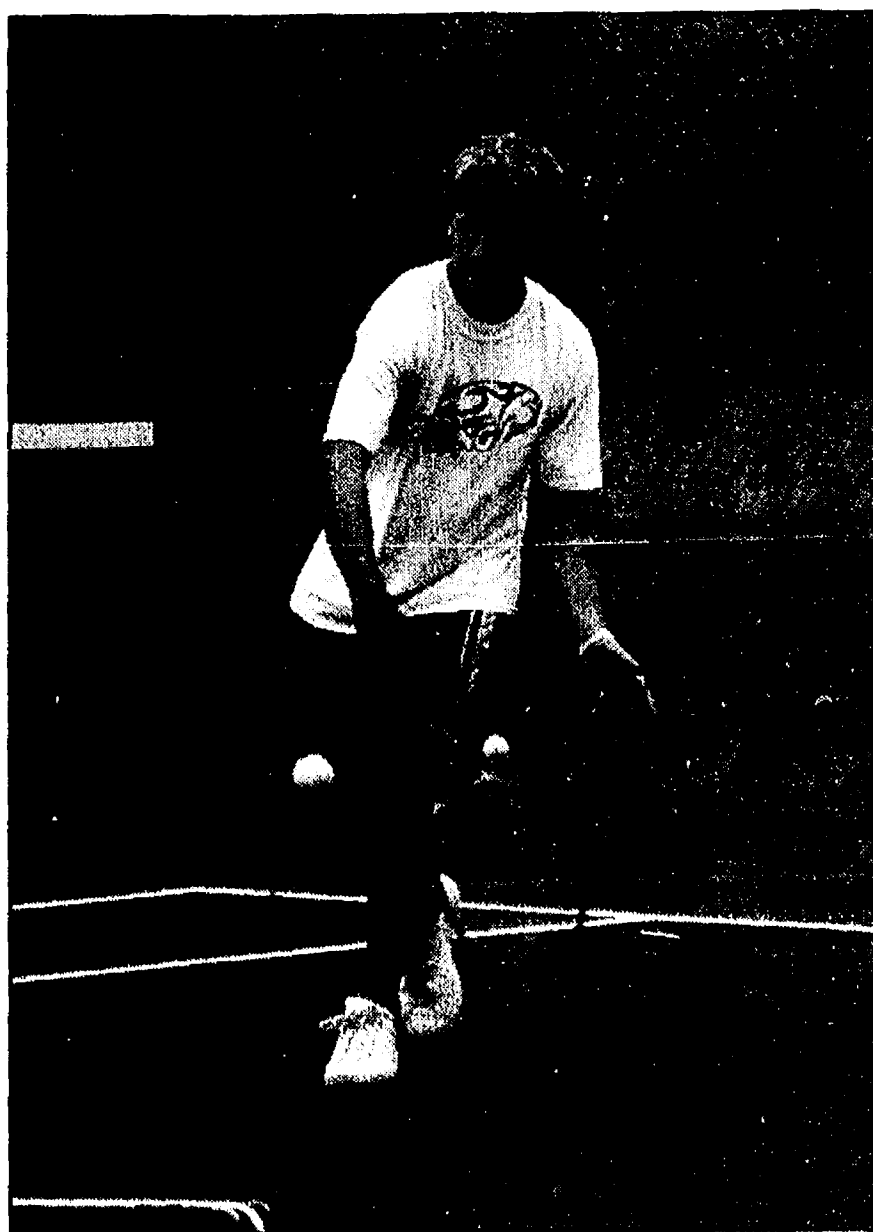
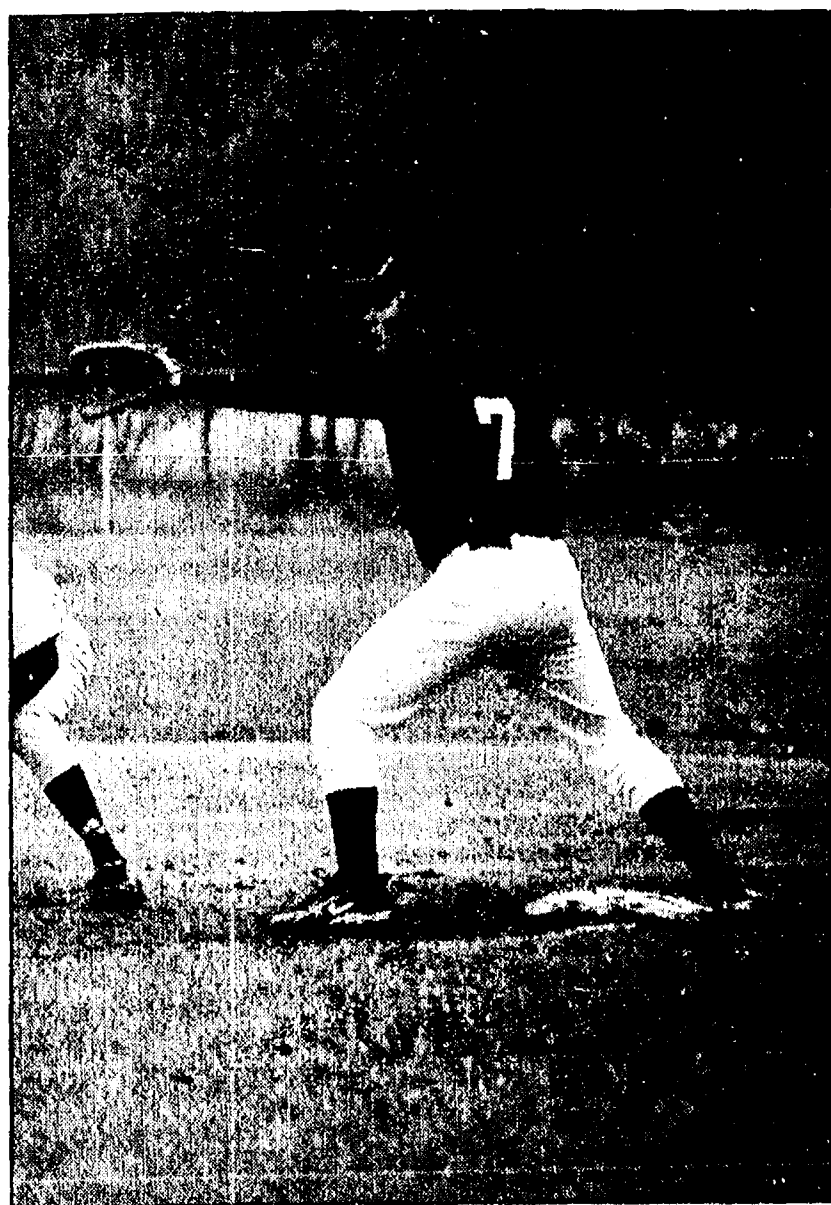
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Eleven wrestlers earn all-league recognition

Grayling's league championship team has 4 first-teamers, 7 on second-teamers

The Grayling High School wrestling team recently announced its all-league honorees for the 2005-06 season, and 11 Vikings received all-conference recognition this year.

The team won a Lake Michigan Conference championship this year, finishing league play with a perfect 12-0 record.

This year's wrestling team, beginning with the 11 all-conference honorees, included:

Joe Ferrigan (215, senior) - 13-0 conference record, 40-14 overall season record, 204 total team points, all-conference first team, 3rd place district tournament finish. "Joe has been a solid wrestler on the team for the past four years. He served as one of the team captains for the past two years, leading by example, showing the younger wrestlers that success comes only from hard work and dedication. Joe placed in every tournament this year. Joe's leadership will be missed next year," Coach Joe Ferrigan said.

Eric Gosicki (119, senior) - 8-1 conference record, 12-11 overall season record, 54 total team points, all-conference first team. "This was Eric's first year on the team. He was a very quick learner and had a real passion for the sport. It was a joy to have him on the team. He will be missed next year," Coach Ferrigan said.

Cody Malone (140, sophomore) - 13-0 conference record, 33-12 overall season record, 163 total team points, all-conference first team, 2nd place district tournament finish. "Cody is a very tough kid. He gives everything he has every time he touches the mat. We are looking forward to the next two years with Cody," Coach Ferrigan said.

Jacob Reynolds (171, sophomore) - 12-1 conference record, 21-16 overall season record, 87 total team points, all-conference first team. "Jacob wrestled at 171, weighing around 156. Giving up that much weight in this sport is very tough and to have as much success as Jacob did is a tribute to just how tough he really is," Coach Ferrigan said.

Bill Stewart (275, senior) - 10-2 conference record, 34-13 overall season record, 156 total team points, all-conference second team, 3rd place district tournament finish. "Bill has been the 275-pound varsity wrestler for the past two years. Bill placed in every tournament he wrestled in this year, winning the Northern Michigan Championships," Coach Ferrigan said.

James Walker (189, senior) - 10-4 conference record, 33-17 overall season record, 162 total team points, all-conference second team, 4th place district tournament finish. "James surprised a lot of wrestlers this year, coming back out after taking his junior year off. He is a very coachable young man, worked very hard all season, and will be hard to replace next year," Coach Ferrigan said.

Jeff Bancroft (152, junior) - 11-1 conference record, 45-8 overall season record, 187 total team points, all-conference second team, 2nd place district tournament finish, 2nd place regional tournament finisher (state qualifier). "Jeff knows only one way to wrestle and that's to win. He works hard every day leading our younger wrestlers, pushing them to excel. Jeff placed in every tournament this year. We are looking forward to great things from Jeff next year," Coach Ferrigan said.

Eric Madill (160, sophomore) - 9-1 conference record, 26-12 overall season record, 116 total team points, all-conference second team. "Eric wrestled in some of the most exciting matches of the season, proving that if you wrestle until the end it's not over until it's over. We are looking forward to more exciting matches from Eric next year," Coach Ferrigan said.

Steve Grove (125, sophomore) - 7-5 conference record, 21-20 overall season record, 102 total team points, all-conference second team. "Steve had a good year, and was very close to having a great year, losing some very tough matches by one or two points. Steve has the potential to be a powerhouse next year," Coach Ferrigan said.

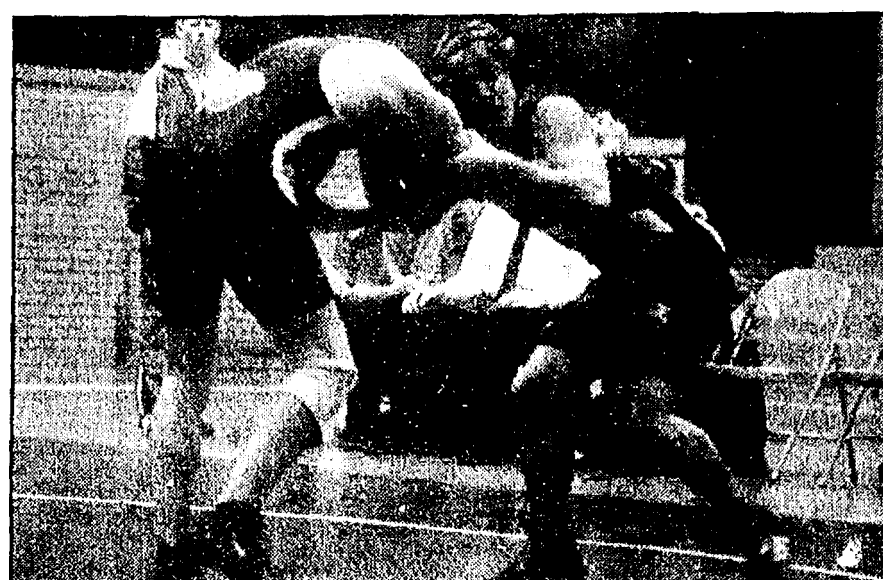
Cody Collen (130, freshman) - 9-3 conference record, 25-19 overall season record, 133 total team points, all-conference second team. "Cody has the confidence of a state champion - this year he gained the experience. Next year the sky is the limit for this young man. I believe that next March he will be wrestling in the state finals," Coach Ferrigan said.

Shane Grove (135, freshman) - 7-5 conference record, 10-18 overall season record, 51 total team points, all-conference second team. "Shane started out the season with a bang but he had a few problems in the middle of the season. At the end of the season he was coming on very strong. Shane will be one of the

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Joe Ferrigan, All-Conference First Team



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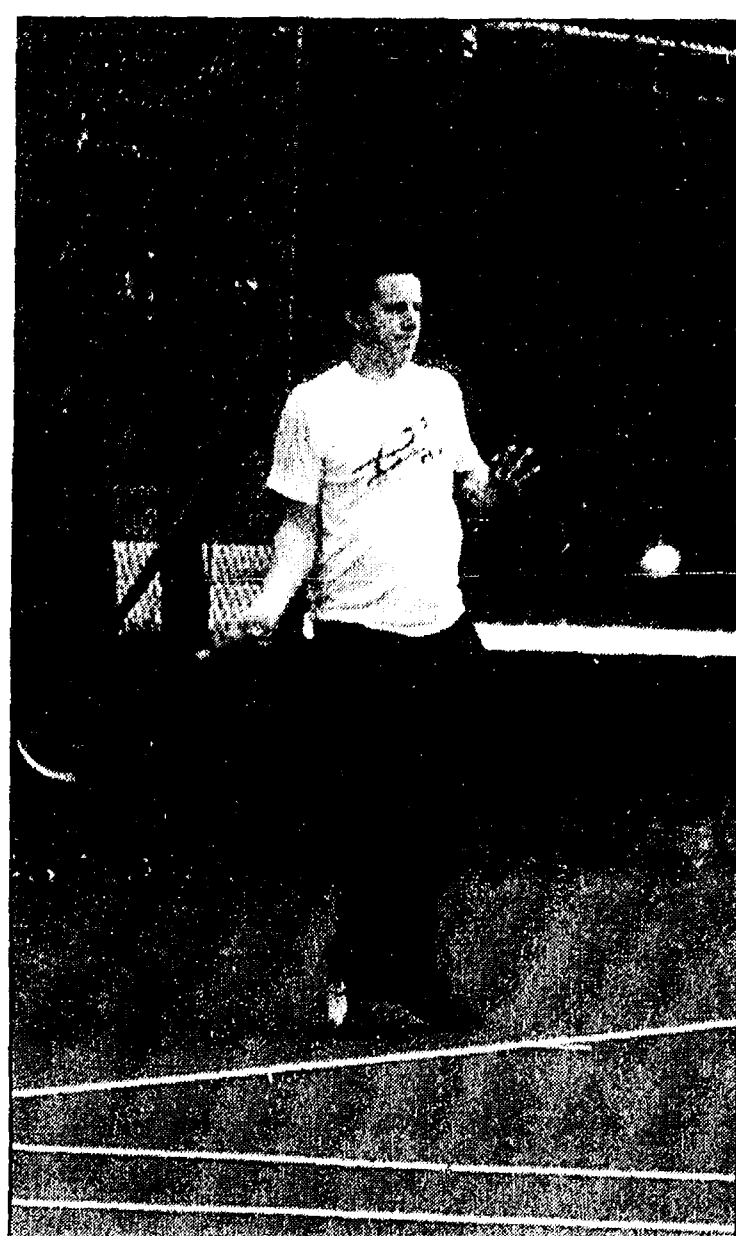
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Tuesday, April 18, at 4:30 p.m.

Grayling High School is instituting a new policy for admission fees for baseball and softball home games this year. There will be a \$3 per car charge for entrance into the baseball/softball field area. Season passes are valid for covering this fee.

"The main reason for (the fee) is to help cover some of the cost for umpires and have less traffic back there to reduce maintenance," Pummell said.

Track - The boys track team started practicing last Monday and the girls team began this week. Tim Sanchez is back as coach of the boys squad. Tim Gariglio, a teacher at GHS who also served as an assistant coach for the ski team this year, will coach the girls track squad.

"We're hoping the snow melts off the track so they can start running out there," Pummell said.

The track teams are scheduled to open the season with a meet at Traverse City St. Francis on Monday, April 17.

The middle school track coaches this year are Renea Martin and Samara Sabin, both of whom teach at GMS.

The middle school track squads begin their season with a league meet at Kalkaska on Thursday, April 20.

Golf - The girls golf team will be coached by Brian Banda this season. Banda, a teacher at GHS, also coached the girls volleyball squad this year. The Vikings started practicing this week.

The team is scheduled to host Petoskey and Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, April 18, at 4 p.m. The Vikings will host Roscommon on Thursday, April 20, at 4 p.m.

Tennis - The GHS boys tennis team started practicing last week. Craig Cobb, a GHS teacher, returns as coach of the squad this year.

"They have 17 to 18 kids out now, that's a good number to have," Pummell said.

The team's season opener is set for Tuesday, April 11, at 4:30 p.m. at Boyne City. On Monday, April 17, the Vikings play at Charlevoix.

Soccer - The girls soccer team will be coached by John Haven again this year.

The Vikings will open their season with a game at Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, April 11, at 5 p.m. The team will host Kalkaska on Thursday, April 13, at 5 p.m.

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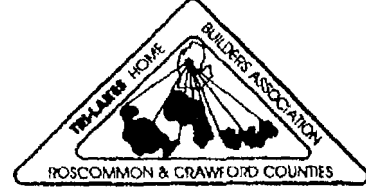
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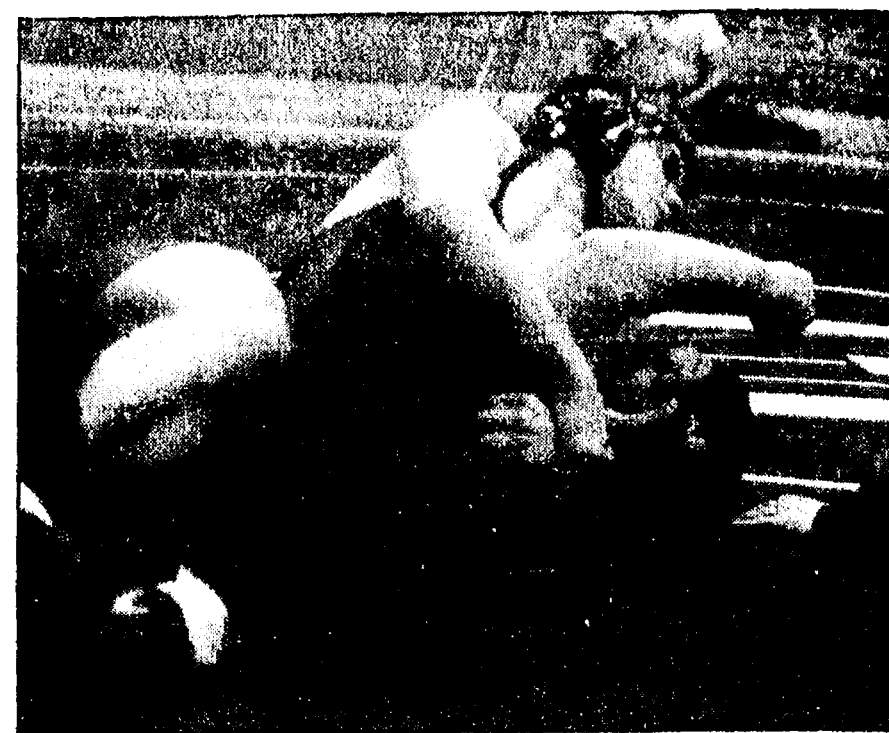


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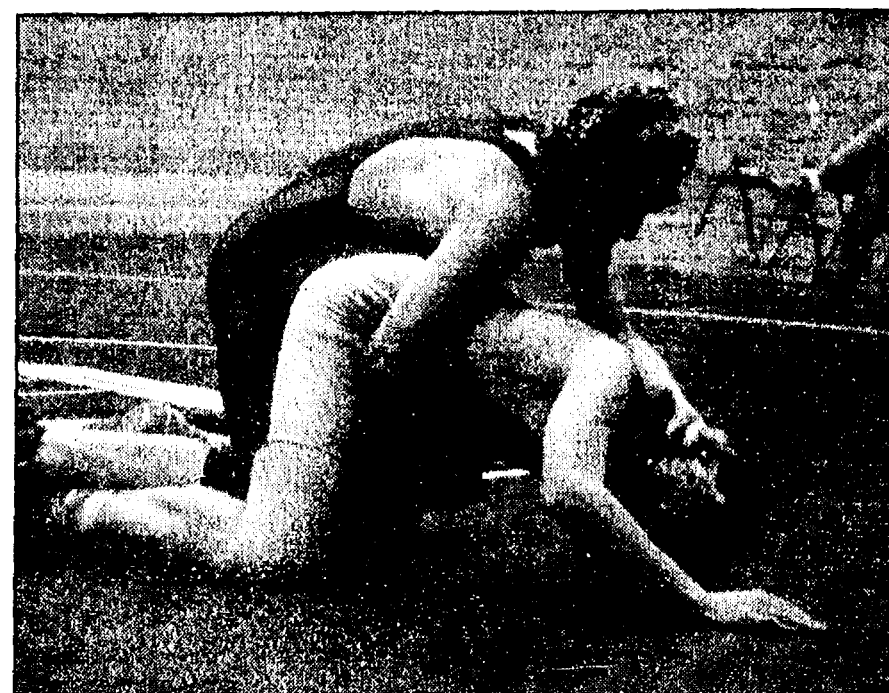
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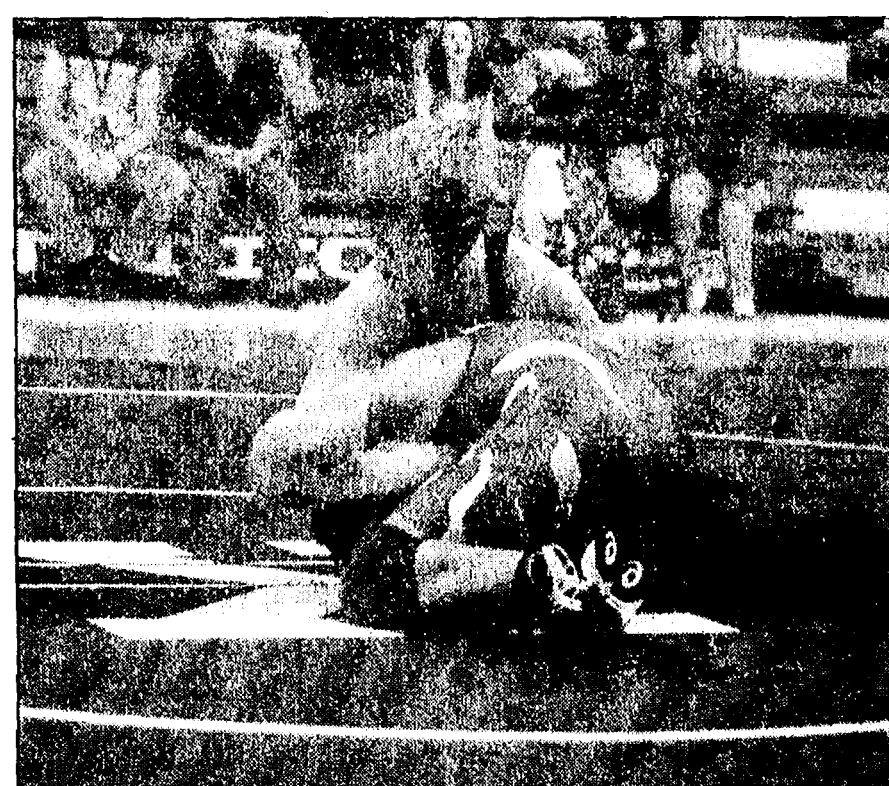
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wrestlers getting a lot of the headlines next year," Coach Ferrigan said.

Brian Hagerman (145, junior) - 3-4 conference record, 9-14 overall season record. "This was Brian's second year on the team and his first year as a varsity wrestler. He has a great work ethic and a real passion for the sport. With continued hard work we are looking forward to next year," Coach Ferrigan said.

James Haight (145, sophomore) - 2-1 conference record, 8-7 overall season record. "James worked his way into the varsity lineup a couple of times this year and made the most of his opportunities. James is a very hard worker both in practice and in matches. James will be a very important part of the team next year," Coach Ferrigan said.

Dan CdeBaca (275, sophomore) - 2-1 conference record, 11-9 overall season record. "Dan worked very hard last season, finding his way into the varsity lineup a couple of times, making the most of his opportunities. We are looking forward to having Dan as our varsity 275-pound wrestler for the next two years," Coach Ferrigan said.

Tory Myers (171, sophomore)



Shane Grove, All-Conference Second Team

- 1-6 overall season record. "This was Tory's first year on the team. Tory is possibly the hardest worker on the team, giving his all every day. He spent this year learning the sport and will surprise a lot of teams next year," Coach Ferrigan said.

T.J. Bellish (152, sophomore) - 1-4 overall season record. "T.J. is a very hard worker and has a real desire to excel in our sport. We are very excited to get T.J. in the varsity lineup next year," Coach Ferrigan said.

Matt Letts (275, sophomore) - "Matt is one of the hardest workers on the team, always learning from the upperclassmen. With continued hard work in the off-season, he could spend the next two years being the anchor of the entire team," Coach Ferrigan said.


Frank McLeod (103, freshman) - 9-27 overall season record. "As a freshman Frank found himself in the varsity lineup. With only one year of past experience, Frank had to learn on the mat during competition. Frank worked hard to get better all season and it was really starting to show at the end of the year. We are looking forward to having him back next season," Coach Ferrigan said.

Robert Thorpe (119, freshman) - 3-2 conference record, 9-15 overall season record. "This was Robert's first year in Grayling, transferring here over the summer. What a great find for the wrestling team. He is a very hard worker and very determined young man. Robert will be a very big part of the team for the next three years," Coach Ferrigan said.

Matt Haight (145, freshman) - 2-1 conference record, 6-2 overall season record. "Matt had a couple of unfortunate injuries this season and found himself sidelined most of the year. He is a very determined young man and will be working hard in the off-season to get healthy. We look forward to having him in the varsity lineup next season," Coach Ferrigan said.

Jacob Myers (189, freshman) - "This was Jacob's first year on the team. He is a quick study of the sport, spending this season learning the basics. We hope to get him some experience on the mat next year," Coach Ferrigan said.

Ferrigan, in his first season as head coach of the GHS wrestling squad, was named coach of the year for the Lake Michigan Conference.





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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

American Legion..... 39 - 9
Mickey Perez, CPA 30 - 18
Woody Girls 28 - 20
Gr. Nursing Center 26 - 22
Hawk Ridge 24 - 24
Days Inn 19 - 29
Coldwell Banker 15 - 33
Glen's Market 11 - 37
High Series: M. Starks, 557; T. Benardo, 532; K. Moshier, 527.
High Game: M. Starks, 232; M. Ginther, 198; T. Benardo, 194.

American Men's League

Scheer Motors 17 - 4
GADCO 14 - 7
Canfield's 12 - 9
Grayling Chiropractic 11 - 10
Fenton's Auto Serv. 10 - 11
McLeans ACE 9 - 12
Derwich Ind 9 - 12
Moore's Auto 2 - 19
High Series: D. Canfield, 713; Larry Davis, 658; Larry Davis, 618. High Game: D. Canfield,

269; R. Pyle and D. Canfield, 235.

National First

Scott Pittman Bld. 50 - 27
Faustman Insurance 46 - 31
Great Lakes Mort. 44 - 33
Upper Lakes 44 - 33
Corky's Karaoke 36 - 41
Legion Lanes 32 - 45
J-Bar 28 - 49
Sawmill 28 - 49
High Series: A. Angove, 697; D. Walker, 652; P. Miller, 651.
High Game: P. Miller, 237; A. Angove, 235.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Lucky & Laura's 33 - 19
IMM 29 - 23
New "Kids" 27 - 25
American Legion 25 - 27
Moshier Auto Repair 24 - 28
Double Trouble 18 - 34
High Series Men: P. Benardo, 570; J. Campbell, 542; P. Lewis and D. Williamson, 538. High Game Men: D. Wallace, 202; J.

Campbell and P. Benardo, 199.
High Series Women: P. Benardo, 513; J. Williamson, 501; S. Johnson, 488. High Game Women: J. Williamson, 205; C. Osborn, 203; W. Johnston, 188.

Pioneer League

McDonald's 26 - 6
Chemical Bank 23 - 9
Grayling Rest. 20 - 12
Cal Dutton Const. 19 - 13
Thad Pooley Painting. 15 - 17
AJD Forest 12 - 20
Spicy Bob's 7 - 25
Tim's Collision. 6 - 26
High Series: P. Benardo, 529; L. Rutter, 502; K. Moshier, 492.
High Game: V. Taylor, 209; K. Moshier and L. Rutter, 202.

Northwood League

Tim's Collision 31.5 - 12.5
Bud Lite Babes 25 - 19
Choppers Spare 24 - 20
Carey & Jaskowski 24 - 20
Great Lk Mortgage 21.5 - 22.5
Tree Huggers 19 - 25

Hart Pontiac 17 - 27
Scott McNamara 14 - 30
High Series: P. Benardo, 548; K. Mitchell, 509; T. Hellebuyck, 497. High Game: P. Benardo, 191; K. Mitchell, 190; T. Hellebuyck, 185.

Senior Bowling

Spike's 71 - 41
Flowers By Josie 64.5 - 47.5
Kicking Grass 59 - 53
Grayling Pharmacy 58.5 - 53.5
Stitches By Sue 53 - 59
Bear's Den Pizza 49 - 63
Lone Pine 48 - 64
Sylvesters Sports 45 - 67
High Series Women: M. Rysso, 535; C. Clark, 475; C. Wyatt, 445. High Game Women: M. Rysso, 193; C. Clark, 183; D. Mead, 163. High Series Men: L. Crampton, 629; G. Wolfe, 537; L. Wyatt, 526. High Game Men: L. Crampton, 225; G. Wolfe, 215; L. Wyatt, 200.

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Having sustained first-round losses in National Junior College Athletic Association tournament play, both Kirtland's men's and women's basketball teams have now drawn their seasons to a close. The Lady Firebirds were defeated on Thursday, March 2, by St. Clair County Community College, 83-47, while the men's team fell to Vincennes University in Indiana on Monday, 80-66.

"It was a bad night for us to have a bad night," said Kirtland's women's coach and Athletic Director Teresa Stuck. "We prepared harder for that game than

for any other all season, but it was as if we couldn't make a shot all night, and they couldn't miss."

Freshman Lizz Stempki, of St. Ignace, was the only Lady Firebird in double digits, posting 19 points. Stempki has been awarded a spot on the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference all-star team. Emily Henion, of Frederic, Rena Barnett, of LeRoy and Chelsey Williams, of Houghton Lake, were all given Honorable Mention recognition from the

MCCAA.

Despite the sad end, the Lady Firebirds posted more regular-season wins - 13 - than have been achieved in any other season in the five-year history of the team.

In the men's team loss to Vincennes, Tony Brown, of Battle Creek, netted 34 points for Kirtland, while Juandrel Lewis, of Detroit, added 20 points and 9 rebounds.

Ahead 46-39 at the half, Kirtland coach Glen Donahue said his Firebirds played hard and played intelligent, but lost

that advantage in the second half.

From Kirtland, Brown and Sal Kabara, of the Central African Republic, have both been tapped to play in the men's MCCAA all-star game. The duo have led the Firebirds in the scoring column all season and helped launch the team to sixth place in the NJCAA offensive team ranking, with a team average of 92 points per game.

The Firebirds also gave Donahue his 500th junior college win recently - one slice of the more than 700 career wins he's achieved in his 49-year career.

HONORS - SPORTS

Joel Wilson, a former Grayling High School student, recently won a state championship wrestling in the 171-pound weight division.

Wilson, who now attends school in Mio,

finished the 2005-06 season with a 54-2 overall record.

"Joe (Burden) and Joel have been a pleasure to coach this year," Mio coach Tim Jensen said in *The Oscoda County Herald*.

"They have proven that they are champions on the mat and now it is time for them to do it in life."

(Burden, Wilson's teammate at Mio, placed 2nd at the state finals.)

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4. Illinois Bradley Furniture
13. Air Force Wild Card
6. Michigan State Don Nester Chevrolet
11. George Mason Wild Card
3. North Carolina Wild Card
14. Murray St. Homelown Furniture
7. Wichita State Davis Jewelers
10. Seton Hall Wild Card
2. Tennessee Jack Millikin Excavating
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9. Wisconsin Wild Card
5. Nevada Scheer Motors Chrysler Jeep Dodge
12. Montana Wild Card
4. Boston College Wild Card
13. Pacific Grayling Big Boy Restaurant
6. Oklahoma Wild Card
11. UW Milwaukee Online Auction House
3. Florida Comfort Center
14. S. Alabama Dubois Lumber & Rental
7. Georgetown Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty Duane LaMotte
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15. Davidson Cornell Insurance

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POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

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Holiday Inn158
Sawmill I157

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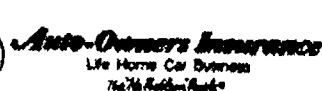
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RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

MEETING HELD ON THE
27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY
2006 GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Akers at 7:30 PM.

II. Members Present: Larry Akers, Roger Moshier, Kim McClain, Kim Millikin, Tom Wellman

Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Dave Sabin, Dennis Palmer, Chad Beckett (8:35 PM)

III. Approval of Consent Agenda
City Council Special Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2006

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2006

06-046
Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

IV. Public Hearings
Air Way Abatement
Mayor Akers opened the Hearing at 7:33 PM

This hearing to receive comments from the Assessor and the other taxing entities of the application for abatement from Air Way Automation located at 2268 Industrial Drive

There being no questions or comments; Mayor Akers closed the Hearing at 7:34 PM.

V. Old Business
Air Way Automation

Council would like to have this put back on the Agenda for the March 27, 2006 City Council Meeting.

Council Liaisons
06-047

Moved by Wellman, seconded by McClain to appoint Kim Millikin as the City Council Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Chamber Lease
06-048

Moved by Wellman, seconded by McClain to appoint an ad hoc committee of Kim McClain, Kim Millikin and City Manager, Allen Lowe to negotiate with the Chamber on the Lease Agreement:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Planning Commission Appointment
06-049

Moved by Wellman, seconded by McClain to approve the Mayor's appointment of John Williamson to the Planning Commission for a term to expire on January 1, 2009:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Pet Shops
06-050

Moved by Wellman, seconded by McClain to schedule a public hearing on March 27, 2006 to receive comments on the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Charter Amendments
The City Manager and City Clerk met with the City Attorney and are recommending to the City Council that six amendments be placed on the ballot in August for voter approval. They are from the section on elections. These changes would bring the Charter into compliance with state law.

Planning Escrow Account
06-051

Moved by McClain, seconded by Wellman that the attached language, which was recommended by the City Manager and Zoning Administrator, regarding an escrow account for plan review be added to the planning and zoning fee schedule:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Attached Language:

Consulting Engineering fees: Applicant shall pay for services provided by professional planners, engineers, attorneys or other professionals as determined by the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Commission equal to the estimated additional cost, plus 10 percent administration fee. The additional fees will be held in escrow by the City Treasurer.

The fees may be reduced on a case by case basis by the City Council upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission or the Zoning Board of Appeals.

New Business
Planning and Zoning Fees

Council would like to have this put back on the Agenda for the March 27, 2006 City Council Meeting.

Water and Sewer Fees

Council would like to have this put back on the Agenda for the March 13, 2006 City Council Meeting.

MDOT Signage

Council discussed sending a letter to MDOT regarding the proposed sign at the south entrance to the City.

Citizens Who Wish To Speak

The following individuals expressed their comments/concerns regarding various issues:

None
VIII. Reports

ZBA

Planning Commission

Parks & Recreation Committee

DDA

Fire Committee

CCEDP

City Manager

Mayor Akers

06-052
Moved by McClain, seconded by Moshier to go into "Closed Session" to discuss pending litigation with our attorney and for a strategy session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Closed Session: 8:46 PM - 9:16 PM
IX. Correspondence

Fire Department Monthly Report for January 2006

Week In Review by Matt Gillard - February 13, 2006

League Legislative Link - February 14, 2006

Kevin Elsenheimer's Weekly Lansing Update - February 17, 2006

League Legislative Link - February 20, 2006

MML Memorandum - February 16,

2006
Steps for Grayling Improvements
Notes on Michigan Economy
Week In Review by Matt Gillard - February 21, 2006

Reminder of Training on March 1, 2006

Officials for The City of Grayling - revised 02/16/2006

Revenue / Expenditure Report for 07/01/2005 - 01/31/2006

Draft Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2006

Kevin Elsenheimer's Weekly Lansing Update - February 24, 2006

Letter to Grayling Township Planning Commission

Week In Review by Matt Gillard - February 27, 2006

X. Adjournment
06-053

Moved by Wellman that the meeting be adjourned; Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel K. Smith and Christine W. Smith, husband and wife, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank, FSB, mortgagee, dated February 18, 2000 and recorded March 14, 2000 in Liber 503, Page 278, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association, f/k/a LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated June 1, 2000 among AFC Trust Series 2000-2, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as Seller Servicer and LaSalle Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee. AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Baked Notes, Series 2000-2 and any amendments thereto As Assignee

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 29, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West one-half of the East one-half of the West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

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The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: February 23, 2006
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for LaSalle Bank National Association, f/k/a LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated June 1, 2000 among AFC Trust Series 2000-2, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as Seller Servicer and LaSalle Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee. AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Baked Notes, Series 2000-2 and any amendments thereto As Assignee

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas Steffes, a single man, to Citizens Bank, mortgagee, dated February 22, 2002 and recorded March 5, 2002 in Liber 572, Page 265. Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Washington Mutual Bank by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$94,894.67) including interest at the rate of 7.38% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 19, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the fractional Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 3, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County,

Michigan, commencing at the North one-quarter corner of said Section 3; thence South 2 degrees 01 minute 30 seconds West (along the North-South one-quarter line); 628.8 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 30 seconds East 1321.54 feet; thence South 1 degrees 35 minutes West (along the East one-eighth line); 293.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 30 seconds West 1323.79 feet; thence North 2 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds East (along the North-South one-quarter line); 293.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 8.89 Acres more or less, also subject to county Road easement along the Easterly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the

bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: March 23, 2006
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This notice is to advise you and all interested persons that I have scheduled a Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing concerning six variance requests from Speedway SuperAmerica, LLC at 308 South James Street (20-070-150-004-008-00).

Variances Requested:

- Side bufferyard (East): Section 10.05.A.2. Request a variance of 5.5 feet from the required 10 feet down to 4.5 feet.
- Side setback (East - dumpster): Section 6.01. Request a variance of 5 feet from the required 10 feet down to 5 feet.
- Side bufferyard (West), Section 10.05.A.2. Request a variance of 10 feet, eliminating the Westerly side bufferyard entirely.
- Canopy side setback (West): Section 7.06.H.3. Request a variance of 5 feet from the required 25 foot setback down to 20 feet over a distance of 6 feet along the Westerly property line where there is a 10 foot jog in the property line.
- Rear setback: Zoning Ordinance Section 6.01. Request a variance of 7 feet from the required 35 feet down to 28.0 feet.
- Rear bufferyard: Section 10.05.A.2. Request a variance of 20 feet from the required 20 feet down to 0 feet, eliminating the bufferyard completely. This will allow the snow storage area to be placed behind the building.

The Public Hearing to consider this matter is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Monday, April 3, 2006 at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan. All interested parties are hereby requested to attend said Public Hearing and/or submit such data as may be pertinent to the case(s) at hand. Data may be submitted to the Grayling City Planning Commission, c/o City Clerk, 1020 City Boulevard, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738 and inquiries may be directed to Steve Doyle, Zoning Administrator by calling 989-348-2131 or by email to: clerk@cityofgrayling.org. A copy of the Current Zoning Ordinance can be viewed at the City offices at 1020 City Boulevard during regular business hours Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM or on the website at www.cityofgrayling.org under "Ordinances".

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk
Posted: March 10, 2006

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steve N Dmytrusz, II and Susan M. Dmytrusz, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 13, 1999, and recorded on July 15, 1999 in Liber 486 on Page 82, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on November 16, 2004 and recorded on November 22, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 631, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight And 13/100 Dollars (\$152,888.13), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 26, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Description No. 1: The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West

Description No. 2: The East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Description No. 3: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The property is now known as: The East 3/4 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, containing 15 acres combined.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: March 23, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #040906F02

-23-30-6-13

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laura Lynn Gwisdala, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Grayling State Bank, a Banking Corporation, now Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated October 21, 1996, and recorded on October 30, 1996 in Liber 420 on Page 334, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One And 91/100 Dollars (\$8,691.91), including interest at 9.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 19, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan,

and are described as: The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Together with right of ingress and egress from Highway M-72 over a strip of land 66 feet wide, lying 33 feet on each side of the North and South one quarter line of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; and TOGETHER with right of ingress and egress over the South 66 feet of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West and together with and subject to a right of way for purposes of ingress and egress over a strip of land 66 feet wide thence running North and lying 33 feet on each side of the Section line between Sections 7 and 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, and continuing to the above described parcel of land.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: March 16, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #083653F01

-16-23-30-6

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dorene Kettler, single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2003, and recorded on May 20, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 356, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Two And 79/100 Dollars (\$16,202.79), including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 19, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 9 and 10, May Ausable Estates, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 19, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 16, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC W 248.593.1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #074637F02

-16-23-30-6

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage given to Covenant Capitol, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, P.O. Box 814, Cadillac, MI 49601, successor and assignee in interest to David Comet and Marcie Comet, mortgagee, granted by mortgagors Scott Day and Cleo Day, husband and wife, 2239 Parma, Grayling, MI 49738, said mortgage dated February 24, 2000 and Assignment of Mortgage dated February 24, 2000 as recorded on March 14, 2000 in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan in Liber 503, Page 267 and Liber 503, Page 272, Crawford County records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date stated below, for principal, fees, interest, and the sum of Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty Nine and 54/100 (\$7,739.54) Dollars, including interest accruing at the rate of 10.25% Per Cent per annum. No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debts secured by the said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the powers of sale contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on April 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. (1 week after 4 weeks publication) at the front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder of the premises legally described in said mortgage as:

The West 1/2 of East 1/2 of West 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale pursuant to MCL 600.3241A except that if the property has been determined to be abandoned by the mortgagee, then the period of redemption shall be 30 days from the date of mortgage foreclosure sale.

Dated: March 15, 2006

Attorneys: Bloomquist & Associates, P.L.L.C.
Todd H. Nye
P.O. Box 708

NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

As required by the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act PA267, the Lovells Township Board hereby lists and posts during the 2006-2007 fiscal year as follows:

All regular board meetings will be held at the Lovells Township Hall.
All regular board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7 p.m. on the following dates:

April 11, 2006
May 9, 2006
June 13, 2006
July 11, 2006
August 8, 2006
September 12, 2006
October 10, 2006
November 14, 2006
December 12, 2006
January 9, 2007
February 12, 2007
March 13, 2007

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will meet Monday, April 3rd, and on Monday, October 2nd, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

BOARD OF REVIEW will be meeting on Tuesday, July 18th and Tuesday, December 12th, 2006. Tuesday, March 6th, 2007 and Monday, March 12th, 2007.

ALL changes and special meetings will be posted eighteen hours in advance.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-6141

-16-23-30-6

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Donald R Baker and Debra E Baker, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to North Central Area Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 22nd day of March, 1998 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 5th day of June, 1998 in Liber 455 of Crawford County Records, page 213, said Mortgage having been assigned to North Central Area Credit Union on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Seven & 91/100 (\$18,307.91), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of April, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.250% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the E 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 18, T26N, R2W, thence South 330; thence East 60 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence West 60 feet to the place of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the

property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

North Central Area Credit Union
Mortgagee

-16-23-30-6

Dated: 3/16/2006

PUBLIC NOTICE TO RESIDENTS WITHIN 300 FEET

Frederic Township resident be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing on April 3, 2006, at 7 p.m., in the Frederic Township Hall, located at 7564 C.R. 612, to hear the following case(s):

2006 V 001 Owner: Alfred and Sharon Husch, Petitioner
4449 Martin Drive
Frederic Township
Parcel #20-030-011-033-190-00

The Petitioner is requesting a variance in order to add a 16'x28' addition to their existing residence, which is closer to the AuSable River than the 200-foot setback.

Tentative text and maps may be examined at the Frederic Township office during normal business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to Frederic Township Zoning Dept, P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 Telephone (989) 348-8778.

Douglas J. Pratt
Frederic Twp.
Zoning Administrator

ATTENTION SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

NOTICE

CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP

- Holders containing flowers, grave blankets and other "Winter Decorations" must be removed from gravesites at the Township's Pioneer and Rock Cemeteries by May 1, 2006, to allow for "Spring Clean-Up". Any items left after this date will be removed and disposed of at the discretion of the Sexton and the Township Board.
- Township residents are asked to assist the Sexton and Board Members with a voluntary "Clean-Up" project to take place on Saturday, May 6, 2006, @ 9:00 am. Please call the Township office at 989-275-8232, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, if you have questions and/or you are interested in participating.

For the South Branch Township Board
Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION OF CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CRAWFORD, OTSEGO AND KALKASKA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2006.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the following candidates will be voted on at the regular school election:

Sandra L. Enos
Judith R. Gorski
John Pilon
Carol E. Ramaswamy

AND A BONDING PROPOSAL FOR .08 MILL

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006 IS MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5:00 P.M. IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

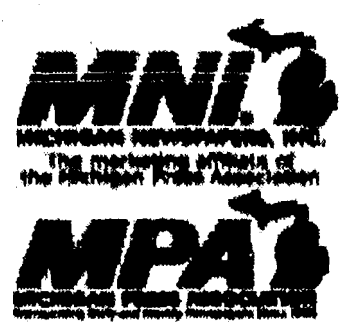
To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county clerk, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration:

Sandra Moore - County Clerk 344-3200
Sharon K. Hartman - Beaver Creek Township Clerk 275-8878
Nancy Blindschatel - Frederic Township Clerk 348-8778
Monica S. Ashton - Grayling Township Clerk 348-4361
Cheryl Hopp - Lovells Township Clerk 348-9215
Sandra Baynham - Maple Forest Township Clerk 348-5794
Laura Smith - South Branch Township Clerk 275-8232
Michele Moshier - Grayling City Clerk 348-2131
Carol Rosenberg - Bear Lake Township Clerk 231-258-4871
Lorraine Markovich - Otsego Lake Township Clerk 732-6929

Sandra Moore, County Clerk
Crawford AuSable School Election Coordinator

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notices in Newspapers.
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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
March 24, 1983

Construction has started on the Grayling Health Care Center and September has been marked as a possible opening date for the 120-bed facility.

Twenty-one miles of state roads, eight miles of county roads, and 16 to 25 blocks will be resurfaced here this year. The largest road project will be the state's \$2 million resurfacing and shoulder work on M-72. The entire stretch of M-72 from Grayling west to the county line and from Grayling east to the county line will be repaired except for 1.9 miles of road repaired last year on East M-72.

Duane Brooks, DNR forest fire fighter at the Grayling field office, may have been the only person in the county who was glad to see Monday's snowstorm. He may also be the only one who is hoping the snow sticks around awhile. Until Monday's rude spring snowfall, Crawford County was heading for its earliest start of the forest fire season in years. Following a light-weight winter with little snow accumulation, a dry spring could mean a serious outbreak of forest fires.

Wayne Ross was named to the first team Michigan Huron Shores Conference basketball All-Star team.

Jenny Riker and Shelly Trenary were named to the all-league vol-

leyball team.

An Easter Cantata will be presented on Palm Sunday by the Michelson Memorial United Methodist choir, the musical drama is entitled "Celebrate Life."

George Morse and Tim Taylor were the recent recipients of \$150 scholarships from the Grayling Rotary. The two young men will be touring several countries in Europe for six weeks while performing with an orchestra.

New drunk driving laws are scheduled to go into effect April 1. Stiffer penalties will accompany drunk driving convictions and refusals to take breathalyzer tests. The new law also makes it illegal for a person to operate a motor vehicle with a .10 percent blood alcohol level regardless of the alcohol's effect on their driving.

Many of the Grayling Michigan National Guard officers and their wives attended the Military Ball held at Long's Convention Center in Lansing.

The Crawford AuSable School District's Building Trades Vocational Program presents an Open House. The house is located at 207 S. Arthur St. Construction is done by Grayling High School students.

46 Years Ago
March 24, 1960

Bowling history was made in

this quiet little town at the local bowling alley, when Dr. Paul Junttila, local dentist, a finalist in the Grayling Association Match Game Championship, reached the pinnacle in bowling by fitting a 300 game in between games of 222 and 182 for the highest actual series ever bowled by a local, a 704.

Grayling High School names honor students for the 1960 graduating class. Karen Knudsen is the Valedictorian and Carol Fenton is the Salutatorian. The other eight students in order of scholastic standings are: Karen SanCartier, Dave Wyman, Starlett Griffith, Caroline Allison, Mary Ann Underwood, Sharon Renaud, Bonnie Borchers and JoAnne Trailer.

A total of forty-four students are helping out on the high school newspaper, the GHS Highlite, which is issued once a month while school is in session.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church is having a School Camp Fund Dinner. You can get any meat for 30¢, potatoes and gravy for 20¢, coffee or milk for 10¢, and any additional item for 15¢. Come and enjoy dinner and help boost the camp fund.

Miss Sherry Lee Millikin, daughter of the William Jack Millikin's was seven years old and treated her first grade class to cupcakes and lollipops in an afternoon celebration.

69 Years Ago
March 25, 1937

The Hanson Cafe staged an

independent basketball tournament that brought many highly touted teams to Grayling, and the tournament ended as one of the most successful held, both financially and in attending numbers.

It was a red letter day in the lives of fathers and sons of St. Mary's parish, when a fathers and sons banquet was held. It was the first ever of its kind in the parish, and was held at St. Mary's Hall.

As an opening for her Maureen Shoppe, Mrs. Maude Hanson assisted by Mrs. Lucile Cliff gave a very delightful Easter fashion parade and tea at Shoppenagons Inn.

92 Years Ago
March 26, 1914

Miss Fedora Tetu has left school and is now the clerk at the Salling Hanson store, Miss Zena Smith has resigned to accept a position as a stenographer for a firm in Detroit.

One of the largest barns in Michigan was built during this last year by Henry Stephens of Waters.

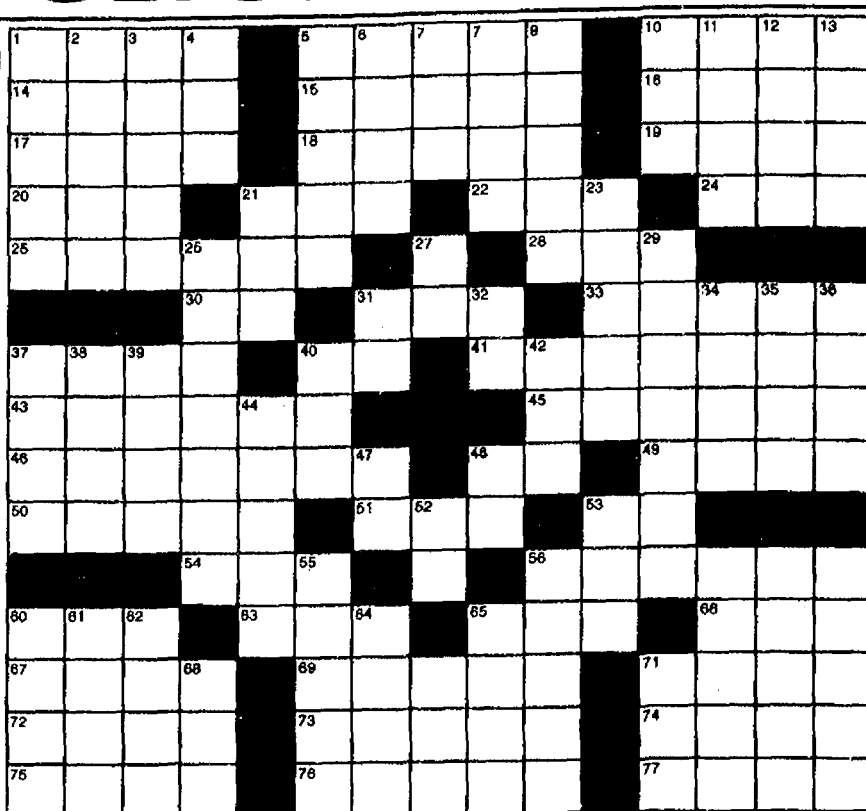
Henry Burgess of Beaver Creek is having his telephone moved to Wellington.

The Walsh Manufacturing Co., of Frederic shut down for a few days to install a new boiler.

Oscar Deckrow is filling the position as janitor at the school house during the absence of Mr. Smith.

Elmer Woods had a bad gash on the back of his head while working on the wood car at the T-Town yards.

CROSSWORD



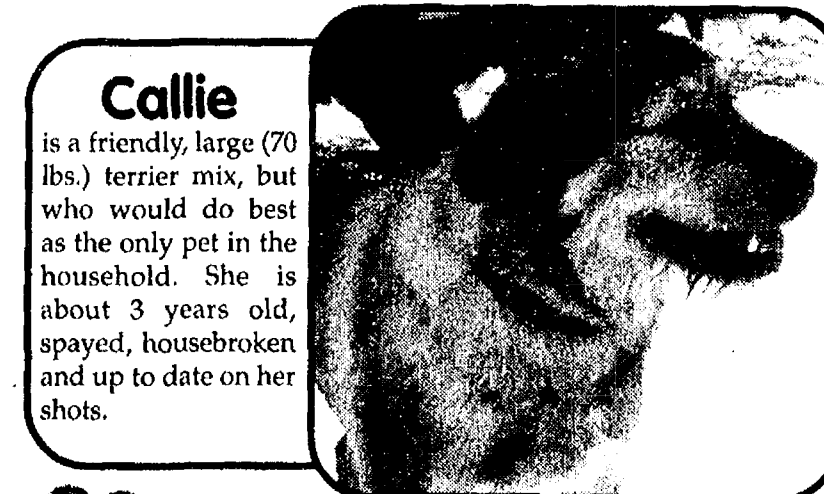
- Across
- Hard fat around the kidneys and loins in beef and mutton.
 - Lee, director of The Thing with Two Heads.
 - Desert in central Asia.
 - Curved structural member spanning an opening.
 - Person apparently intending to serve on active duty until retirement.
 - Into full contact with.
 - Trivial lie.
 - Cava.
 - Spy working for the police.
 - Letter of the Greek alphabet.
 - Question someone about something.
 - Spiller behind the rear windows to improve stability.
 - Mechanical device on a sheet fed printing machine that causes all sheets fed up to it to be printed with a uniform margin and in register.
 - Free of ticks, as by a chemical dip.
 - Russell, latest CD, The Man from God Knows Where.
 - Involving an obsessive interest in one's own satisfaction.
 - Trough is attached to a centered handle, which when balanced on the shoulder of a workman carries bricks and mortar.
 - Pertaining to life.
 - Gaseous product, formed in coalmines.
 - Used to connect two things with something that has quality.
 - Pungent leaves used as seasoning for meats.
 - To or from every one or two or more.
 - Making an error.
 - Tower attached to a mosque with a balcony from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer.
 - Designation for a two-panel sliding window with the right panel, as viewed from the exterior, the movable panel.
 - Expression of sorrow.
 - Tidal bore.
 - Belonging to us.
 - Used to indicate a cause.
 - Hinder.
 - Make lighter in color.
 - Card game where the object is to win other people's stake money by taking trips.
 - Dark-red resin.
 - Misfortune.
 - French for "vineyard."
 - Any of various large wading birds with a long, slender downward curved beak.
 - Something braided.
 - Greek god of war.
 - World's longest river.
 - Substantial inland bodies of standing water.
 - Sediments resulting from the fermentation of wine.
 - Collection of similar objects.
- Down
- Fed beyond capacity.
 - Any salt of uric acid.
 - Make notorious.
 - On that account.
 - Container used for making a mold.
 - Area of ice marked off for the game of curling.
 - Many times.
 - Withered.
 - Something considered choice to eat.
 - Pedal that controls the throttle valve.
 - Translucent mineral consisting of hydrated silica of variable color.
 - Initiation rite of the Aborigines.
 - Refers to the slightly metallic flavors present in some wines.
 - Achieve an "A" grade.
 - Mark in archery selected by chance.
 - Pedal that controls the throttle valve.
 - Command to execute.
 - Change location, seasonally from one region to another.
 - Fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
 - Festivity.
 - Bottom edge of a book, on which it rests when shelved in an upright position.
 - Netreiko, the "New Callas."
 - Heavy pins often used for practice.
 - Woman of refinement.
 - Acronym for Asia and Pacific Internet Association.
 - Chinese dynasty from 1368 to 1644.
 - Short form of "Beatrix."
 - Navarrete, Filipino-American comedian.
 - Wicker basket used by anglers to hold fish.
 - Two character ISO 3166 country code for Tonga.
 - Metallic metal color for gold or yellow.
 - Shot reading at least as far as the hole.
 - Used in spring to indicate a tie.
 - Used to refer to community cards in poker.
 - Highly favored.
 - Green, spinoff of Petiscoat Junction.
 - Move in a stealthy manner.
 - The Gorgeous, film starring Joan Crawford.
 - Rex, Del. Frank Tripp on CSI: Miami.
 - Award given annually for exceptional achievement in off-Broadway theater.
 - Greasy, fluid substances.
 - Sleep, rugged rock.
 - Eighth day after the nones in the Ancient Roman calendar.
 - Direction toward which the current is flowing.
 - Add through great effort.
 - Generic term for blond or pale beer in Britain.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Toonces
is a very sweet and playful 10 month old Tabby mix who plays well with others. She is spayed, front declawed and up to date on all shots.



Callie
is a friendly, large (70 lbs.) terrier mix, but who would do best as the only pet in the household. She is about 3 years old, spayed, housebroken and up to date on her shots.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascspetfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Apple Spice Cake

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| Topping: | 1 | cup oats |
| 1 | cup | plain low fat yogurt |
| 1/2 | cup | firmly packed brown sugar |
| 1/2 | teaspoon | ground cinnamon |
| 1/4 | cup | butter, softened |
| Cake: | 1 1/2 | cups finely chopped apples (about 2 medium) |
| 1 | package (18.5 oz.) | spice cake mix |

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 13 x 9-inch metal baking pan with cooking spray. For topping, combine oats, brown sugar and cinnamon. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly; set aside. For cake, combine cake mix, oats, yogurt, eggs, oil and water in large bowl. Blend on low speed of electric mixer until moistened; mix at medium speed for 2 minutes. Stir in apples. Pour into pan. Sprinkle topping evenly over batter. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve warm or at room temperature with whipped cream, if desired.

Find the Twins
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

DID YOU KNOW ??

The glue on an Israeli postage stamp is certified kosher.

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HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 23, 2006

<p>CAPRICORN December 22-January 19</p> <p>Party time, Capricorn. Good news is headed your way. Invite everyone over and throw a big bash. An act of kindness toward an acquaintance does not go unnoticed.</p>	<p>ARIES March 21-April 19</p> <p>Failure is not an option, Aries. Stop dragging your feet and pick up the pace. The weekend is all about pampering and you're first on the list. Have a good time.</p>	<p>CANCER June 22-July 22</p> <p>You're the bomb, Cancer. No one compares to you this week. Whatever requests come your way you'll tackle with ease. An announcement causes a stir.</p>	<p>LIBRA September 23-October 22</p> <p>All eyes are on you this week, Libra. Only you have the knowledge to resolve a recurring issue. Good luck. A friend makes a grand gesture—take it and run!</p>
<p>AQUARIUS January 20-February 18</p> <p>Come on, Aquarius. Did you honestly think that no one would notice? This week they do and the jeers will be hard to deal with. Try to make light of them and move on.</p>	<p>TAURUS April 20-May 20</p> <p>Happy days are here again, Taurus, and the spotlight is on you. Use it to your advantage. A change of mind at work sends everyone scurrying.</p>	<p>LEO July 23-August 22</p> <p>Really, Leo. How long did you think you could keep mum? The cat is out of the bag and you have some explaining to do. Be careful what you say.</p>	<p>SCORPIO October 23-November 21</p> <p>Appointments here and there keep you hopping, Scorpio. Lucky for you, the weekend provides ample time for rest and relaxation. Seize the moment!</p>
<p>PISCES February 19-March 20</p> <p>The focus at home shifts. Unfortunately for you, Pisces, you're put in the middle of what appears to be a futile situation. Keep your chin up. There is a way out.</p>	<p>GEMINI May 21-June 21</p> <p>You're riding high with anticipation these days, Gemini. Lots of exciting events are on the schedule. One in particular will bring you loads of glory.</p>	<p>VIRGO August 23-September 22</p> <p>Whining will get you nowhere, Virgo. Be quiet and keep your nose to the grind. The rewards will be worth it. Jealousy rears its ugly head at a party.</p>	<p>SAGITTARIUS November 22-December 21</p> <p>Yippee-ay, Sagittarius! Your presentation goes off without a hitch and you receive praise from all around. Celebrate with a night on the town.</p>

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week			Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Date	H	L	Precip.	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues
3/15	28	21	0	High 39	High 39	High 41	High 45	High 45	High 46
3/16	32	15	0	Low 26	Low 27	Low 26	Low 28	Low 32	Low 29
3/17	37	12	0	Snow Shower	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Flurries	Scattered Showers	Showers
3/18	33	11	0						
3/19	30	20	0						
3/20	35	20	0						
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1. Real Estate

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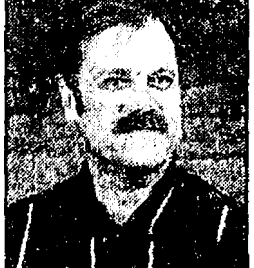
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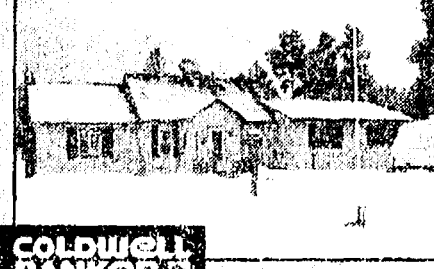
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Lovely 4 bedroom 2 bath home on 6.98 acres in prime snowmobiling and recreational area. Home has large rooms, 24 x 40 attached garage with upper level bonus room, an additional 30 x 40 detached garage. \$165,000 #5645

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9. Personals

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9. Personals

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11. Automotive

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Love Alicia, Michael, Megan,
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appreciate all that you have
done on behalf of your
Country and for the Iraq
people. We are
all proud of
you. Love,
your family!*




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SGT Carl VonHinken



*Your entire family is so proud
of you and
thrilled to have you home!*

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*We missed
you
tremendously*
Love
Julie, Matthew
& family


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*from Mom, Dad, Cheryl,
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Julie, Annette, Tom,
Steve, Wayne and
their families.*

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we're proud of you and
we've missed you*

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*Love, Candi, Becca,
Jeff, Amanda, Dan,
Mat, Emily &
Dominick*


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Welcome Home Honey!

We love and missed you.
Welcome Home to the rest of 1071st too!!

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Welcome Home
*We appreciate all that you
have done for our country
and we are happy for
your safe return.*
*With much honor and pride,
we salute you!*
*God Bless,
Mom, Dad,
Martha &
son Samuel*



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Welcome Home
1LT Jeff Jennette

Welcome Home "Double J"

We are all very proud of you and so happy and glad that you're finally home again with us!!!!


Love-
Your family & all your friends



SPC William Cousins

Welcome home 1071st

We've missed you and we are proud of you! We're so happy to have you home!



Love, Mom, Tim, Mike and the rest of the family

1071st
Welcome Home

We are so thankful you are home and safe! You always have been and always will be our Hero. Oh, and Sparky??


Nevermind.

With so much love and gratitude, "The Wife" and your 3 Little Sparks



SGT Scott Starks

Welcome Home 1071st
SSG Stephen Wilson



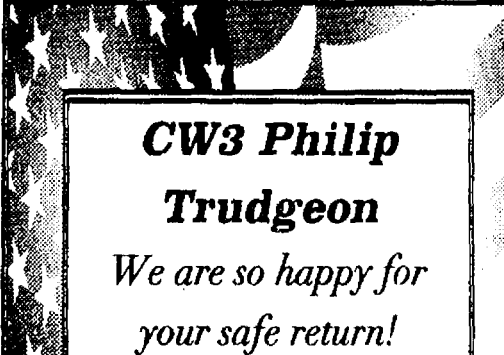
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CW3 Philip Trudgeon


We are so happy for your safe return!

We all missed you and are very proud of you!

We Love You, Mom, Dad and the whole Trudgeon family



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Welcome Home
CW3 Bruce H. Dale III



Welcome Home Bud

From your whole family


Welcome Home 1071st
SGT Bruce H. Dale III



Welcome Home Bruce

From your whole family


Welcome Home
SSG Mark P. Pegouskie
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We are so proud of you! Love you lots, Mom, Jessie, Sarah, Rach, Liz, Vickie, Matt and Destyni

SPC Michael Phipps

Michael (Babe) the boys and I are really glad that you are home. It has been a long road, but we made it. We honor and salute our brave American soldier.



Love your family Carmen, William, Michael and Travis Phipps

1071st
Welcome Home
SSG Calvin Westover

We missed you! You are our hero!

Sandra, Jake, Travis & Crystal



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E4 Jamie Dean Joseph
Welcome Home Jamie

From your whole family




Welcome Home
SGT Tim McKinnon



We missed you and we are proud of you.
Love,
Bev & your entire family


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Welcome Home
2LT Shannon J. Rodgers



We are very proud of you & love you very much!
Your Family.
Love,
Judy & Jim Boon

Welcome Home
SGT Joyce Lightfoot

We Missed you and are so excited to have you safely home. We are all very proud of you.
HOO-RAH!
Love, Angi
Patty & your entire family




A true American hero has returned!!!
Welcome home SGT Jim Dean



We are so proud of you
Love - Margo, Ally and Seth

Welcome Home
SGT Lee Barnett!



We missed you & we're very proud of you. We salute you!
With much Love & Pride,
Angie, Naomi & your family

Tiffany, we are ALL so proud of you for your strength and dedication you have shown while serving in Iraq. You are an incredible woman, daughter and friend. We are extremely happy to have you home. We thank the 1071st for all they have done for our GREAT country... Welcome Home!



SPC Anderson
Love, Mom, Dad, Torrinn, John, Jeremy, Jill, Harmony, Ty, Gramma & Grampa

SGT John L. Welt, Jr.
With honor, pride & love, we salute you!



Welcome Home
Love you big bunches,
Dar & your family

1071st
Welcome Home
SPC Van Regen-Morter
We love you Matt and are so thankful for your safe return!

With much love,
Mom,
Dad, Tina
and Jon




Welcome Home
SPC Keil Clough



Welcome Home,
We're proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad & Trevor

Welcome Home
Joeleann. God loves you and we do too.
Woo Hoo you are back!
Dad, Mom,
Jodie, Jason & Mark

SFC Timothy Swope



Tim - We have always been proud of you! This journey has made us see how lucky we are to live in the USA and how much we take for granted. It is great having you home again!
Love - Gail, Ryan & Matt



Welcome Home!
You are Heroes to us all.

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We missed you Tim & We're Proud of All of You!!

Welcome Home
SPC Brian Lane
a.k.a. brother/uncle/nephew/
cousin - Army!
All those years of training, finally
put to good use! We
are thankful for your
safe return home. It
has been a long
year. We love you
and are very proud
of you! Thank
you for your
sacrifice!
Love - Your family
and friends



Welcome
Home
SFC Tod Leslie




We love you!
Karen, Monica,
Emily, Molly

E4 Michael
Frances Joseph
Welcome
Home
Michael
From your
whole family




SGT Edward Palmer
With much honor and
pride, we salute you!
Welcome Home
Love Always,
your family




1071st
Welcome Home
SSG Arthur Szeveloff
We missed
you!
With much love from
your family,
Dad & Sue
Sara & Jerika



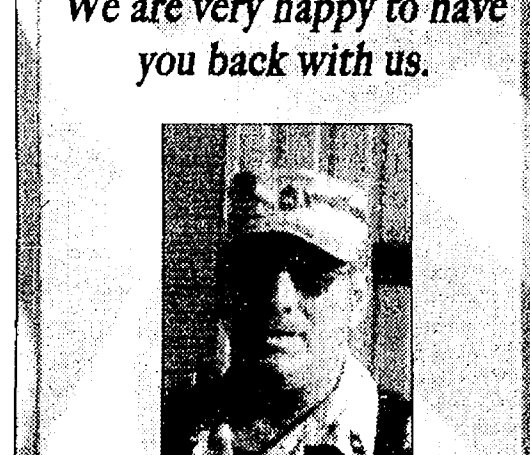

SFC Jeffery
A. Golnick
Your country, friends &
family salute your
sacrifice & service.
Our gift has been
returned safely.
Welcome home soldier!
Love,
Angie,
Jessica &
Mollie

Welcome Home
CPT Jason
Teddy
You're our hero!
Love, Jamie, Ava
& the girls




Welcome Home!
MSG Dale L. Papendick
We are very happy to have
you back with us.
Love your family, Eileen,
Marisa, Tara, Chelsea and
Makenzie



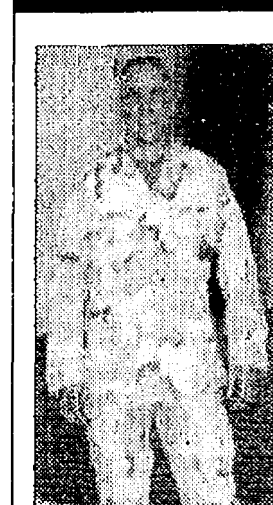
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Home 1071st
SPC Travis Hatfield
We're Proud of
You!
Love, Mom, Dad
& Heather



SGT Charles Puzjak
will be returning home from
Iraq where he is stationed with
the 1071st Maintenance Group
out of Grayling, Michigan. He
has been in Iraq for a year and
can't wait to get back home to
his family. He said he was
ready for a home cooked chick-
en dinner with all the fix-
ings. Also to be able to
relax and get back to his
job on the base. He is a
graduate of Houghton
Lake High School.
Love, Mom & Dad
Powers



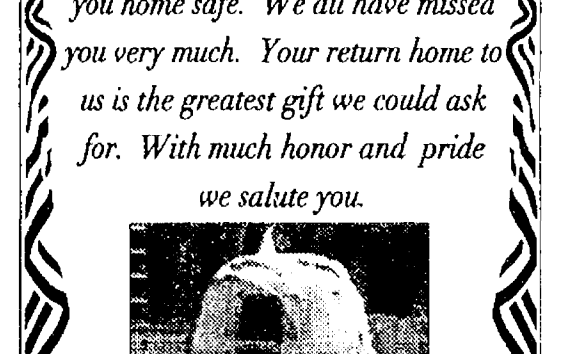
Welcome Home
SSG Paul Baker
WE MISSED
YOU
AND WE'RE
VERY PROUD
OF YOU!
With much love & pride,
Tracy, Mom, Family & Friends



SSG Thomas Adamski
Welcome Home
We are glad you made it
home safely. We are
very proud of you and
have missed you so much.
Love,
Shelly,
Kaitlin
& Mara




SFC Donald Romain
Donald - We are so glad to have
you home safe. We all have missed
you very much. Your return home to
us is the greatest gift we could ask
for. With much honor and pride
we salute you.
With all our love, the Wakeley family; wife
Suzanne; daughters, Tammy, Carmen,
Bonnie and families



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